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THE ELECTORAL COUNT.

Arguments of the Counsel Before the Commission.

Addresses by Messrs. Evarts and O'Conor.

The Question of Going Behind the Electors' Certificates.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—The announcement that William M. Evarts and Charles O'Conor would make the arguments to-day before the Electoral Commission seemed to impel everybody in Washington towards the Capitol, and long before the opening time a surging mass besieged the doors of the Commission chamber seeking admission.

Judge Clifford soon after 11 o'clock called the Commission to order.

Mr. Evarts' Argument.

The journal having been read, Mr. Evarts began his argument, as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Commission—The order of the Commission in directing the attention of counsel to the case, has presented two distinct topics: First, whether under the powers possessed by the Commission any evidence can be received beyond that disclosed in the three certificates from the State of Florida which were opened by the President of the Senate in the presence of the two Houses of Congress, and beyond the statement of the recent act of Congress as transmitted to this Commission; second, if any can be received, what that evidence is, to which and to what evidence other than certificates, if any, is law before the Commission, for the order to dispose of the last question under the order of the Commission first. It is suggested that certain packages of papers brought here by the messenger that brought the certificates and objections are already evidence in the possession of the Commission. What these packages contain, what degree of authenticity or what scope of efficacy is to be given them as particular matters of evidence and particular forms of proof, are unknown to us and unknown to the Commission. The proposition upon which it is claimed this evidence, whatever it may be, (subject undoubtedly to objection and rejection by the Commission as not pertinent and not important), which is mentioned in one of the objections interposed against the first certificate, is a matter on which the objection was founded. Instead of being a warrant, as it were, to the objector on which he objects, he (the objector) thereby makes it a matter of the evidence before the Commission. If there were no objection, the case said to be provided for the exercise of your authority is not produced. If objection is made (however unartificial), the case has arisen. But that the objection narrows and limits, and provides the issue and the law upon which your jurisdiction attaches, is a pure fabrication out of utterly unsubstantial and unreal suggestions in the air. The other question, as to whether the evidence in possession of either House or both Houses of Congress in the shape of committee reports, or the conclusions of either of these great bodies in any form, is evidence that may be proposed to the Commission, and may be accepted and received by it after it is unfolded, after it is understood, after the claim is scrutinized and opposed, is a question that is but a subordinate part of the main question, whether any evidence competent to the matter is before the Commission. I will not precludo at the outset anything to impress or to carry for a moment the impression that there has been passed over, by wrong assumption or negligence, the question what you receive and what you reject. I find myself, then, united to the opponency, as good as far as you, whether any evidence can be received, and if any, what beyond the certificates opposed by the President of the Senate.

Gov. Stearns' Certificate.

Mr. Evarts reviewed the propositions submitted on Saturday by Mr. O'Conor, and continued: Next it is proposed, therefore, as a matter of utterance that it is desired to introduce, and that is claimed is open to your consideration. Now that the certificate of Gov. Stearns falsifies the fact he has to certify to; not that it falsifies the record that makes the basis of the fact which he has to certify to, but that the record at the time on which by law he was to have his certificate, departing from which his certificate would be false, is to be questioned or surmounted by extraneous proof, showing that by a matter of substance in the progress of this election and the returns as made; that is to say, that somewhere in the steps between the deposit of the ballot in the boxes as specified and the original returns thereof, and the transmission to the corrective canvass at their own ballot boxes, or between the returns of the county canvass to the State canvassers, or in the action of the canvassers in the final computation of the aggregate to ascertain the plurality of votes as for one or the other candidate, and on declaring on the face of record of, and so fix the basis of Governor, whether that act was right or wrong or their part, fraudulent or no fraud in law or in fact, that somewhere in the process of the election from first stage to stage on the very matter of right and the question of the rightful title of the sitting Governor there has occurred a matter of judicial consideration, for I need not say that however simple and however little liable to step to be beyond the face of record of the State canvass to serve the needs and to accomplish the justice as proposed by the learned counsel for the opposing side against the Hayes certificate. The principle upon which it is offered, if the occasion required, (but I do not suppose it to be) the powers of this Commission tolerated it, would carry it to whatever point this correction or this evisceration of the final canvass of the State should go. I am advised, therefore, relieved from any discussions so practical in this case, except so far as an illustration of the argument may make it useful, or give con of any consideration. I say whether a Governor's certificate could be attacked as itself being not a Governor's certificate, but a forgery, that is not going behind a Governor's certificate. That is coming in front of a Governor's certificate and breaking it down as no Governor's certificate. That the certificate of Governor Stearns was in accordance with the act of 1792 was not questioned, nor was it proposed on the other side to show that the fact as certified did not exist by any intrinsic evidence. It was further proposed to introduce evidence to show that Humphreys was a Unit. d States officer. This was

A Matter of Surprise,

for it was a matter of discussion at the meeting of the Canvassing Board of Florida. He read the testimony of Humphreys that he had resigned 10 days before the election. His resignation had been accepted, and the duties of the office discharged by the Collector of the Port of Pensacola. There is no consideration in this case of whether the Houses of Congress in the matter of the count, or the President of the Senate, if he have an habitat at the time of their meeting for the constitutional duty of opening and counting the votes, has any powers recorded by law for any instruction of methods of proof. Whatever may be thought on the question of whether this subject of disqualifications of this nature was proper for the consideration of votes to be counted, and however proper it might have been for the acts of Congress to provide for the production of proof in that transaction, and for the manner in which it might be adduced and considered, there is no act of Congress on the subject, and our proposition is that at that stage of the transaction of the election, Congress, the two Houses and the President of the Senate, cannot entertain that subject of proof, that the process must go on of the counting, and that if a disqualified elector has passed the observation of the voters in the State, passed the observation of any sentinel or guards that may have been provided in law for excluding from actual election or from the moulding of an apparent right—if this disqualification should be made to appear, that when these are all overpast, and the vote stands on the presentation and authentication of the Constitution, which is the certificate of the electors themselves, and on the act of Congress, it must stand unchallengeable and unimpeachable there. This tribunal cannot receive evidence in addition to the certificates of the nature of that which it is offered—that is, evidence that goes beyond the State's record of its election which has been certified by the Governor as resulting in the appointment of electors. This proposition, and on which sufficiently it rests, is that there is

A Judiciary

into the very matter of right, the title to the office, for it accepts as its functions the prevalence of the former, the certificates, the recorded title of the electors, and passes upon the claims of competitors and matter of right which of the two competitors are really elected on an honest and searching investigation. It undertakes an office that is judicial, and powers for exercise are attempted to be invoked in favor of those who support this view by the necessity of the exercise of disputed power requiring adequate means. What are adequate means? Adequate means for the investigation in that nature of right and inquiry are plenary. There are are no means judicial that are adequate for that inquiry that are not plenary, and no plenary judicial powers can be communicated under our Constitution by Congress, to say nothing of mixed powers that are judicial in their nature except to tribunals, that are courts tribunals, that are inferior to the Supreme Court, and that are filled by judges appointed by the President of the United States, and confirmed by the Senate.) Will any power, any grant or inexpert mention a topic or method of judicature or jurisprudence that involves the possession of larger means to search and come at the exercise of the powers and methods than the trial of a *quo warranto* for an office that is to reach an election? But not only is it beyond the power of Congress to transfer the powers of this law to this Commission, the powers of a court of dispensary reach and efficacy, but on top of all, whether its grant in favor of an office he would find a subject in regard to which the Constitution had interposed an insurmountable barrier to the consideration of a suit like this. The *quo warranto* is a matter and an action of common law. It involves as a matter of right the introduction of a jury into its methods. No case of contested election was ever tried under the sense of the State case of the proper tribunal without a jury. It is the privilege above to that in every action of a certain amount of dignity,

The Right of Trial by Jury

shall exist, and the right cannot be waived except by the rules of common law. Now, can it be said that if the judicial power here and the judicial power originally and constitutional authority to make courts is the source of this authority condemned? These are impediments that cannot be surmounted. I find in the act of 1877 no such purpose in the arrangement with the powers as to make this Court under the Constitution. I find the appointment of these Judges to this Court under the powers of the Constitution. I find no means for writs and their enforcement, nor for methods of trial that must belong to the discussion of a *quo warranto*. Now, I understand that the proposition of this proof lay out as the end and the limits of your inquiry and of your duties and your powers, that a judicial investigation upon the *quo warranto*. If you are made a superior canvassing board to determine whether Governor Stearns' certificate to the effect that electors were appointed is valid, and you are nothing but a returning board surmounting the final returning board, to see whether their returns justify that certificate, that you at once find that it does that, the *de facto* title and possession is complete, and that nothing but a jurisdiction that consists of a *de facto* title and possession can begin, can find the case for the beginning of the consideration of the question of right. This *quo warranto* suit, if it becomes a subject of evidence, is

A Matter of Evidence

that declares absolutely on the petition of the Tilden electors that the Hayes electors are in possession of the faculty, the office, "or what not it may be," and are exercising it, and they ask that an inquiry may then proceed in due course of law, bringing them in only by process on the 15th of December, ong after their vote, to inquire whether that possession and that exercise as a matter of right between them and the Hayes electors is or is not according to law and truth.

We have the Governor's certificate, and he is the very man that passed for the State on that question which furnishes the right to meet and act, that this is a list of the men that were appointed. These certificates, earlier in point of time, as part of the return to the President of the Senate, but when the same Governor executes under Federal law the same duty under the same evidence, we have the certificate without the production of an antecedent one. Now, what are we to gather in respect to the stage of this transaction? While deposit of the Federal vote for President by the qualified electors? It is their own vote. They are not delegates to make a vote according to the instruction of their State. They are not deputized to perform the will of anybody. They are voters who exercise a free choice and authority to vote or refrain from voting (of course neglecting a duty), and to vote for whom they please, and from the moment their vote is sealed and sent forward towards the seat of government no power in the State can touch it, arrest it, corrupt it, or retract it. Nothing is to be done except count it, and count it as it was deposited. These electors (at the present election 369 citizens in number) are by the Constitution made for their qualifications dependent upon the action of the State. If the State does not act there are no qualified electors. If the State does act, in whatever is the "the-all"; and the "end-all" of the State's action up to the time the vote is cast, is the "the-all" and the "end-all" of the qualification of the electors. He is then a qualified elector, depositing his vote, accomplish a purpose, and that vote is to be counted when the votes are collected.

A Novelty.

Now, it is an absolute novelty, unknown in the States, unknown in the nation, that judicial inquiries can be interposed to stop political action that leans to filling a magistracy. The interest of the State is that it shall be filled. Filling it is the exercise of a political right, the discharge of a political duty. You do not step with a judicial investigation into a ballot box upon the suggestion that it has been stuffed, and stop the election until that *quo warranto* is finished, and then when you get to the first canvasser stop this count from going on because it is a false count, and have the Court do this. And so with the county canvassers. Step their train action in rapid progress to the result aimed at, to wit, the filling of an office with a person entitled to their vote, to the State canvass, and then here. It is an absolute novelty. The novelty of the situation produces strange results. Never before has there been retardation of political transaction of the counting of an election, and to accomplish that almost a miracle has been required, so that there have been made to stand still much longer than they were for Joshua in his conflict in Judea, and you will find that an attempt to bring Congress and now the Judges of Judges in an official capacity that some portion of this bench sparingly in the Supreme Court, but I mean Judges in the nature of a function and exercise—into the working of this scheme of popular sovereignty in its political review will make it as intolerable, will defraud and defeat it by the nature of that intervention, not the character of the particular transaction of the Judges, till the government of the Judges will have superceded the sovereignty of the people, and there will be no cure no resort, but that which the children of Israel had to pray for—a king.

Address of Mr. O'Conor.

Chas. O'Conor followed Mr. Evarts. He said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Commission—In reference to the question what elements of inquiry are within the reach of this Commission, the counsel on the opposite side stand in direct conflict, and the issue formed between us is this: We maintain, as representing what are called the Tilden electors, that this Commission has full authority to investigate by all judicial and legal means the very fact, and thereby to ascertain what was the vote of Florida. On the other hand, it is claimed this learned Commission is restricted merely to a determination of what may be a just inference from documents returned to the President of the Senate from Florida, mainly reposing themselves, however, on the proposition that they are official *de facto* (without right, but only the color of it). The advocates of the Hayes electors claim that inasmuch as these individuals cast their votes when possessed of some documents that gave to them the color of a claim and of the right to that claim, and to the performance of that duty, the fact that they acted on this color and did cast of their own motion, of their own personal will, through their own right of selection, the votes which are sent here as the votes of Florida, complicated as they may be, and that it is impossible for any earthly tribunal or any individual to investigate into or determine the invalidity of their claim, this issue (this, as I treat, not the narrowly stated) gives rise to the question: What are the powers of this Commission? Those powers are circumscribed and fully expressed in this admirable document (the Electoral bill), destined to be an immortal honor to those engaged in its preparation, and to pass into history with your act. They are expressed in lines 78 and 79 of the House bill, the second, I believe, now possessed for that purpose by the two Houses acting separately or together. You have thus (and this is the test) all the powers of those two Houses which could possibly exist under law as fixed in the Constitution and in pre-existing statutes for the purpose of your ascertaining and declaring the truth in the question: What powers are possessed by both Houses separately or together in dealing with the whole of the electoral question touching the election as it arises on facts which exist or which may exist, and may be proven.

The Powers of the President of the Senate.

Mr. O'Conor declared that no power of any description deserving the name of power to investigate or to decide resided in the President of the Senate, and it is most manifest he has none but the merest clerical powers, nor any ability to do anything except to open packets. But when we come to the prescription that there shall be a count, we are not told there shall be a count of all certificates, or of some or of anything in the certificates, but that there shall be a count of votes. This, I humbly submit, introduces an implication that there must be something that is to be made produced, and physically laid before the Houses, there will be an investigation which is for matter of the case may seem to require in order to determine what are the votes. There is a preliminary inquiry, and whether you determine it judicial or ministerial or executive, it is still an inquiry, and the power to institute or carry on an inquiry for the purpose of ascertaining is provided with any possible means of exercise so far as the President of the Senate is concerned, and is left to himself to do as he pleases. The President, who may have occasion to act officially on the result. Now, who are they who are to act officially by the terms of the Constitution? They are the performers of the duty of the counting of these votes? The Constitution is plain. Two votes (meaning, of course, the legal votes) are to be counted. The count is the merest of idle ministerial ceremonies in itself, but the ascertainment of what votes there presented as votes for the purpose of being recognized in the selection of a President and Vice President necessarily devolves upon that body or functionary which is obliged to act upon that which is produced as a result by the court. Now unquestionably

The First and Primary Duty

of each of the Houses, if there is a plain count showing the election of a person to be President and of another person to the Vice Presidency, is to recognize that co-ordinate department of the Government, the executive. All the world may come. No mortal can entertain doubt about the count. But the world is not called upon to act in relation to Potter Board of the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the objections of the President.

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THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, February 5, 1877.

HOUSE.

The House met in evening session at 7:30.

Local Option.

Messrs. MILLER and HILL presented petitions of citizens and ladies of Mansfield and Chartiers boroughs praying for the re-enactment of the local option law.

Mr. GRAHAM presented a petition of Judge Ewing, Rev. Gill and citizens of Allegheny county praying for the re-enactment of the local option law.

Numerous petitions were presented from many counties asking for a local option law.

Bills Reported.

The following bills were reported affirmatively from committees:

By Mr. FRAZER, an act relating to grading and paving in the several boroughs.

A supplementary act that Pittsburgh Councils may provide by ordinance for holding at least two regular meetings of Councils in each month, and shall by ordinance fix the time of such meetings, and providing that special meetings may be held at such other times as they may deem necessary.

Bills Introduced.

The following new bills were introduced:

By Mr. GRAHAM (Allegheny), an act repealing the act approved April 2, 1873, authorizing the County Commissioners of Allegheny county to select four morning newspapers for official county advertising.

(The above act was sent here by the *Evening Chronicle* and *Allegheny Mail*, who wish a slice of official advertising.)

An act fixing the time for holding elections for officers of cities, wards, &c., which shall be held on the third Tuesday of February each year.

By Mr. CHAPIN, an act to compel the appointment of Deputy Sheriffs, and restricting their traveling fees.

By Mr. JACKSON (Mercer), an act empowering agricultural associations to employ a police force.

An act providing for the payment of school teachers while attending their respective annual county institutes.

An act to prohibit sales of liquors by sample without a license, and requiring persons to obtain a license from the Court of Quarter Sessions in each county in which sales whose bills, on petition by resident authority before the votes have been opened and counted, has been ascertained to be groundless. Referring to the facts of the case, what do we find? These four gentlemen sit down with a false Governor's certificate or a sham certificate from a Board of State Canvassers, and have been made authority, certifying their acts themselves, cast four votes in a given direction, and they sign them and send it to an officer who cannot look at it until the time of its presentation for the purpose of being considered and counted. Before that time arrives, at which that act of theirs could deceive anybody, could have any opposition, could take effect, it could get into such a condition that to unravel was necessary for the cause of public justice or private right. Their act of title was ascertained by a solemn writ of *quo warranto*. It was determined that they were usurpers, that they had no right to the office, and that their acts were void. Is there any such principle as that the inchoate, partial action of an officer *de facto* shall be carried forward and go to its perfection by acceptance for an act as a one and valid act after the invalidity of that officer's claim has been established. Neither we repose on a *quo warranto* judge Honors' allowance or repose on proof which may be here offered, admitted and passed upon by your Honors, for the purpose of showing the utter invalidity of those gentlemen's claim to the office of elector, or in whatever shape this matter is presented or carried forward, the act of inchoate *de facto* falls to have reached the point where it can have or take any effect or can deceive or mislead anybody, and it is shown and established by competent means to be an act of those who had no authority to perform it.

The Tilden Electors.

who, although they had not documentary evidence to establish their title, had actually been elected, if our evidence is to be believed, conquered the Electoral College, justified the action of Congress and the Constitution and laws of the United States enjoined upon them, and which it was possible to perform, failing only in this that they did not obtain a certificate from the Governor. They constituted a college, they acted and they sent forward their votes. This you have two rival bodies acting at, to be sure, the right time and in the right place, and presented to you for adjudication. Between these rival bodies, one of which was composed of persons rightfully and duly elected, and the other of which was composed of persons who had no right, but only the mere color or pretense of right. Who are the usurpers has been ascertained in one form, and will be ascertained in a final way which may be satisfactory to you. If you will permit us to present evidence. Now, what is the actual condition of this case. The Constitution prescribes no form save such as has been complied with by the Tilden electors, as of course the law prescribes no forms which were not complied with by the Tilden electors save and except only that they could not obtain the Governor's certificate, and it is pretty much conceded, I think, that the Governor's certificate is not absolutely indispensable, and may be claimed to be contradictory to the fact if it had been given and was false so that in this case of rivalry between two sets of electors it appears to me we present the best legal title. That we have the moral right is the common sentiment of mankind. But now, in the highest posterity as to what is actually here. The course of my argument has tended to establish, and has been intended to establish, as a fact, that it has been established, that each House of Congress had jurisdiction of the matter of them at least of one section of it, and therefore that all evidence which according to the customs and usages of legislative bodies either House has taken and has its files, and will consent to send in here or has sent in here, is already evidence in the case so far as to be here, and that anything in the certificate, range of subjects and of matters of fact which your honors allow us to investigate.

After some citations of law points by counsel on both sides the Presiding Justice announced that the Commission would now (2:30) take a recess for three-quarters of an hour, and that no more letters would be taken up to-day in the public session. After the recess the Commission remained in secret session about twenty minutes, and upon resuming the announcement that there would be no public session to-morrow, it adjourned to meet at noon to-morrow for consultation.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

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SENATE.

At 10 o'clock the recess was continued till noon.

Deficiency Appropriation.

The bill appropriating thirty-five thousand dollars to provide for the deficiency in the appropriation for public printing and binding during the current fiscal year was passed.

Mr. INGALLS gave notice that as soon as the Senate was full he would call for a vote on the bill abolishing the Metropolitan Police Board of the District of Columbia, notwithstanding the objections of the President.

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GOV. WELLS' TESTIMONY.

An Emphatic Denial of Maddox's Sensational Statements.

Never Conversed on the Subject of Money in Relation to the Election.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—The committee on the powers, privileges and duties of the House in counting the electoral vote met this morning. The room was crowded owing to the expectation that Gov. Wells would take the stand first, as agreed upon on Saturday. Instead Casanave, of the Returning Board, was called, and testified: He had no knowledge of any alteration of the returns from Verona parish, and had seen none on any paper laid before the board; had no acquaintance with Maddox, and had no knowledge of his having any conversation with Gov. Wells in regard to the election. Gov. Wells never suggested to witness to take any money or other valuable consideration to affect the result of the election; did not know about Maddox having any conversation on that subject with Wells; had no knowledge of the returns of precinct No. 2 from Verona Parish being burned; had no knowledge of the result of the election until after the returns had been canvassed.

Mr. Field subjected witness to a long cross-examination, during which Casanave insisted that the Returning Board in rejecting any precinct or poll acted upon the evidence before them, and that affidavits were before the board in executive session.

Gov. Wells on the Stand.

The committee went into consultation, and when the doors were re-opened Gov. Wells took the stand, and was examined by Judge Lawrence, who handed Wells the brief note to Maddox of November 20, and asked him to state what led to the writing of that note.

He said: Before answering this question I should like to ask the committee that a letter of about four pages, written by Maddox himself, commendatory of his conduct as an officer, addressed to the President of the United States, and signed by me, be presented, because this note stands in connection with that.

Mr. Lawrence then handed witness the letters written by the latter to Maddox and his one to Senator West, and requested him to make any explanation he might desire concerning them.

At this point the Maddox entered the room, and was asked to produce the letter referred to by Mr. Wells as being written by Maddox himself, but he denied having such letter or having ever written such a one.

Wells then said he met with Maddox in this city about two or three years ago. I did not meet him again until November 18, when he came to my room in New Orleans, and told me he was an agent of the Goverament, and sent down there to look into the political situation. He asked me for my views, and said he had a good deal of influence with the leading men of both parties, that the people were a good deal exasperated against me and against the Packard Government, and would not submit to its ruling if it were sustained. I told him he had better go to Washington and once to Washington and make a corresponding report.

Maddox's Demands.

On Monday morning before the meeting of the Board he came to my office and said he had been to Washington, and that I was glad of it. He then laid down before me a long letter addressed to the President commendatory of his conduct as an officer, which he requested me to sign, and which I did so. He also asked me to write a further letter giving a description of the condition of affairs. This I declined to do, but told him I would give him a note giving him entree in Washington. He did not satisfy him, and then I wrote the other letter of credentials. He then withdrew from the room, saying he was going that afternoon at 5 o'clock. Next morning Maddox entered my room, and when I expressed my surprise at seeing him, he said that he had not been able to get off the afternoon previous. I then wrote a letter to Senator West, and gave it to him, saying I had intended to send it by mail.

The Bribery Question.

Question—State what you said to Maddox about money to affect the declaration of the result in contradiction of the returns either the Republicans or Democrats. Answer—I never had any conversation with him upon that subject.

Q.—Did he ever say anything to you about money or anything else of value for you or any other member of the board to affect the result of the election? A.—He never did.

Q.—Did he say anything to you about the Democrats using money? A.—He did not.

Q.—What did he say was his object in procuring the letters given in evidence? A.—He desired to be considered as going to Washington to New Orleans, and desired to use these letters for that purpose.

Q.—Are you acquainted with C. M. Calvert? A.—I am. He aided me once in an election in Rapides parish; had no knowledge of Calvert receiving any telegrams from Maddox, and had no arrangement with Maddox to send out beyond one informing him he was properly received in Washington. He never knew Col. Pickett; never saw him; never knew he was acting for Maddox in an effort to procure money either for himself or other members of the Board.

The Telegrams.

Governer Wells was questioned regarding the different telegrams put in evidence. He denied ever having given Maddox authority to negotiate for the payment of any money to himself (Wells) or any other member of the board; saw Maddox about three times before writing these letters. Maddox did not inform witness he had not delivered the letter to Senator West, and witness never expressed his satisfaction at its non-delivery. Maddox never said what he had done with that letter, and witness never asked him, supposing the letter to have been delivered, and not see Maddox on the evening of November 19, as he (Wells) was out of the city that evening, never told Maddox that he wanted a million dollars or any other sum of money.

Maddox's Story Denied.

Q.—Did you tell Maddox you wanted to serve your party, but wanted to be paid for it, or words of that import? A.—I have been a Union man from 1860 to the present time. I went all through the war and was persecuted in every way, and often surrounded by Confederate soldiers, never flinched for a moment then, and I surely would not tell Mr. Maddox anything of that sort at this time.

Q.—Did you ask Maddox to proceed to Washington and procure protection for you and the money you wanted, or did you use words of similar import? A.—I did not.

Q.—Was there ever any proposition to throw out the vote of the entire city of New Orleans? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Was any part of that vote thrown out? A.—Not to my knowledge, not by any action of the board.

Gov. Wells then denied all knowledge of the transfer of votes of Vernon parish, when a discussion arose among the members as to printing the evidence taken by the committee.

Q.—Was there any discussion between you and Maddox in relation to the resignation of any of the Republican members of the Board for the purpose of affording the Democrats an opportunity to fill vacancies? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Maddox about what the word "hold" should mean? A.—None whatever.

Q.—Was the letter with or did you know about any cipher by means of which correspondence between you and Maddox was to be carried on? A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you say you wanted $200,000 for yourself and Anderson, and a smaller sum for each one of the niggers? A.—I never use that language with reference to my colleagues on the Board. They are not niggers, but colored men and gentlemen.

Q.—Did Maddox say anything about negotiations in New York having failed. A.—Nothing of the kind.

Senator West Explains.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—Senator West in the Senate to-day made a personal explanation in regard to that letter—which he (West) was ambitious to succeed himself in the Senate, and the letter referred to that. The million dollar reference, was an expression after the manner of Col. Sellers. It meant that there was a barrel of money in New Orleans to be used on the Democratic side, and aid was needed if any money was to be spent on the other side.

TURKEY.

Peace Proposals Accepted.

RAGUSA, February 5.—The Prince of Montenegro accepts the proposals of the Grand Vizier as basis for negotiations, and will treat directly with the Porte.

Can She Bake?

Who can make good bread with poor flour? Try White River, it never fails.

Speer's Refinery, at Freeport, Pa., an anti-monopoly institution with a capacity of 2,000 barrels per week, starts in operation this week.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

SAG HARBOR, February 5.—The banking firm of Buck & Stirling closed. Liabilities $500,000. Assets not known. They were the custodians of the money of people of all classes, and the suffering will be very great.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—A war of words took place to-day in the committee between David Dudley Field and Mr. Burchard, the Republican member. It was about the custody of a package of papers, which Field took and claimed he had a right to. Burchard claimed they belonged to the clerk of the committee. It was lively for a time, but no gore was shed.

Charles O'Conor's Apology to the President.

NEW YORK, February 5.—The *Herald* has a story about Chas. O'Conor, the distinguished lawyer, and his recent letter in which he spoke with extreme harshness of the President. The story goes that yesterday O'Conor asked Secretary Fish to accompany him to the White House, where O'Conor was presented to the President and made him an apology for what he owned was intemperate and unjustifiable language. The President, it is said, met O'Conor frankly, and contended that he had never seen O'Conor's letter, but had seen an allusion to it in a newspaper. He received O'Conor's apology in the spirit in which it was given. It is said the two spent some time in general conversation.

The Oregon Case.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—In the Oregon investigation to-day several telegrams were produced which had passed between Gen. Corbin, Col. Pelton, Senator Kelly and others. Corse telegraphed to Mr. Smith, of New Orleans: "If Louisiana is stolen from us we will get Oregon and California. We have 100,000 soldiers now enrolled, and vast numbers of Republicans are with us. Stand firm!"

Another telegram signed by Daniel Cameron, Private Secretary to McCormick, chairman of the Illinois Democratic Committee, set forth that there were over 100,000 soldiers enrolled, and if necessary half a million could be had to defend Tilden's claims. The telegrams to Kelly urged him to come home to Oregon, and those to Pelton called for money.

BREVITIES.

····Applications for relief at the Poor Board are falling off.

····The Board of School Controllers of Allegheny meets this evening.

····There were nineteen deaths in Allegheny last week. Thirteen were males and six females.

····Full reports of the proceedings in the several courts will be found on the second page of this issue.

····John L. Wood and Michael Hanly were sent to the Reform School by Mayor Phillips yesterday.

····The Allegheny small-pox hospital is to be re-opened. There were eleven new cases reported on Saturday, and ten more on Sunday.

····The Republicans of the Third ward, Allegheny, will hold their suggestion meeting at the North avenue school house this evening.

····The citizens of the Seventh ward, Allegheny, will meet at Fred. Stahley's to-morrow evening to suggest candidates for city and ward offices.

····A boy was caught yesterday in the act of picking a lady's pocket on Market street. He returned what he had stolen and then sought other pastures.

····The ice in the Allegheny piled up forty feet high at the Negley Run pumping works. The coffer dam above the works saved the foundations from injury.

····The skeleton of a man supposed to have been Benjamin Weiss, of Pennsylvania, was found a few days ago near Houston, Texas. It is thought he was murdered about a year ago.

····The execution of Green, convicted of the murder of his half brother, Marshall, at Mansfield, will take place Monday, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock, urless the Board of Pardons, to whom the case will be submitted to-day, interferes. An effort will be made to have the sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

····The Allegheny Water Committee last evening decided to ask for an appropriation of $39,000. Messrs. Lindsay, Drum and Parkhill were appointed to devise a plan for increasing the water supply in the lower part of the city. Messrs. Alsten, Brown and McVickers were appointed to revise the list of the salaries of the employes of the committee.

····The "other end" of the citizens' ticket will be heard from to-morrow. Mr. Bigger says the nomination was not solicited by him, but was made without consultation with him in regard to the matter, and that he informed the committee when notified of his nomination that he would require a few days to consider the matter. He reserves the right to decline or accept.

····A large audience assembled last evening in the Central Presbyterian church, Allegheny (Rev. W. H. Gill's), to listen to a lecture from Mr. A. B. Wilson, on "Spiritualism, Its Claims, Its Evidences, Beauties and Horrors." The lecture was a decided success, both in a literary and elocutionary point of view, and gave undoubted satisfaction to the hearers.

····Arthur Allen, the colored janitor, who is charged with purloining stationery from the Sheriff's and Prothonotaries offices is *non est*. A few moments before the charge was made against him he was standing on the corner in front of the door of the Alderman's office, but when the officer got the warrant Allen had taken his departure and has not been seen since by those in search of him.

····There was no quorum at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, but President Howe appointed the following committee, —in pursuance with a resolution passed at a former meeting—to confer with the Finance Committee of Councils in regard to reducing the appropriations for the coming year, viz: Messrs. Chas. Meyran, Simon Beamer, W. G. Johnston, G. W. Hallman and A. J. Keating.

····The final meeting of the Board of Poor Guardians was held yesterday afternoon. Secretary Braun's report showed that the entire receipts during the year from all sources was $112,622.81. The disbursements were $98,613.65. Superintendent Bidwell reported that the total products of the Farm during the year were $27,345.88, and value of articles raised, produced and consumed at the Farm $9,601.02, making the total cost of the Farm $36,946.90.

····The committee of business men organized a few days ago, consisting of Gen. J. K. Moorhead, Felix R. Brunot, Esq., James Park, Jr., Maj. Wm. Frew, Wm. Phillips, Esq., A. M. Dithrich, Esq., Chancellor Woods, R. S. Waring, Esq., T. B. Swearingen, Esq., Jos. R. Hunter, Esq., J. B. Black, Esq., Col. Richard Realf, and N. McClarran, for the purpose of soliciting aid and to place upon a permanent basis the great work so successfully started by Mr. Murphy, have concluded to appeal to the public for aid to establish a working fund for that purpose. Certain members of the committee will canvass the city for that purpose.

····The committee appointed by the congregation of the Fourth avenue M. E. church, to investigate the charges against Rev. Dr. Pearson, met last night, the session being secret. The object of the meeting last evening, as far as could be ascertained, was to decide upon the course and determine on a course or plan of procedure for a full and thorough investigation of the matter. Another meeting will be held this evening. The committee, it is thought, made a mistake in meeting with closed doors, as no matter what the result of their investigation, it will work injury to Dr. Pearson, for the reason that it will be claimed that the facts will be covered up. It would probably be better to have an open investigation, and let the public have the facts as the committee recieve them, then there can be no complaint, and neither the church or Dr. Pearson should fear the truth.

····Bishop Tuigg has detailed Father Holland and Father Ferdenand Kittell, a graduate of the college of the Propaganda, two of the leading priests of the diocese, to represent him at Rome in his difficulty with Bishop Domenec. The former Bishop alleges that when this diocese was divided that the liabilities were all placed in one and the assets kept in the other, and he claims that there should be a fair division, that the Allegheny Diocese should pay its legitimate pro

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BONDS at FRANKFORT, new 5's, 103½.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 105¼.

BEFORE the citizens' movement, the "only" was favorable to the Democracy deferring to such a ticket. Now it favors a Democratic convention.

THE arguments on the Florida case as regards the right of the Commission to go behind the returns are in, and the decision of the Commission on that question will probably be made to-day.

THE New York *Tribune* has a somewhat extended account of the MURPHY temperance movement in this city, from the pen of ALBERT RHODES. The writer evidently takes a half friendly, and half cynical view of the affair.

THE negotiations between Turkey and Servia are reported broken off, because of a demand for guarantees of some undefined character. This gives a gloomy cast to the situation, once more, so far as the Eastern question is concerned.

THE Democrats, since the Florida case was fairly opened, realize that they have no hope in that direction, and CHARLES O'CONOR is said to have so advised them. They have turned their attention to Louisiana, but the bottom has practically dropped out there. Those letters that MADDOX said were so important, proved to be nothing. Will Oregon be next?

THE question of reducing our school expenses while retaining the efficiency of the system, is opposed by the Fifth avenue paper, which has made so many and such serious mistakes of late. The saving will be $50,000,—quite an item these times. Its opposition rests on the theory that the law asked for will be special legislation! This is worse than ignorance; it is downright stupidity.

THE question of taking measures to protect Western farmers from the grasshopper plague is being agitated. It is claimed that the Government should make an appropriation of say $200,000 to carry forward measures for the destruction of the insects. The result, if success attend the efforts put forth, will be to save $200,000,000 to agriculture. If the figures put forth are reliable, and we see no reason for doubting them, it is proper that Government should extend a helping hand to the stricken farmers of the West and North west.

DESPITE the attempts of the Democracy to create the impression through the country that they have altogether the best of the Florida case, a careful reading of the arguments of counsel show that the strength of position is as yet entirely on the Republican side. The Democracy use strong expressions, talk of fraud, and the like, and seem to regard the proceedings of the Democratic Legislature as not to be questioned; but the Republican counsel take the law and logic of the case, and make their points effectively and with clearness and force. Our Republican friends need not be affected with Democratic bluff so far as the arguments before the Electoral Commission are concerned.

SENATOR ELECT, HOAR, of Massachusetts, is determined that no personal considerations shall stand between him and those who supported Mr. BOUTWELL, if candid expressions on his part will prevent. He recently wrote to one of Mr. BOUTWELL'S friends, who had written him on the subject: "I have this moment received your cordial and acceptable letter; I did not need its assurances to be confident that the support of Gov. BOUTWELL was inspired in your mind, and that of other gentlemen, by the highest and purest motives. I supposed, until the surprise of the final vote, that these motives would in the end prevail with a large majority of the Legislature, and cause his return to a position which he has adorned with so much strength, wisdom and integrity. Your expressions of confidence and congratulations, like so many others that have come to me, but increase my sense of the weighty responsibility of the great trust to which the Commonwealth calls me, and with distrust of my own capacity to answer her expectations. Certainly I should be utterly base and unworthy if the low personal consideration that some gentlemen had preferred other persons to me, shall ever influence my action or dwell in my remembrance."

THE LETTERS OPENED.

It was only necessary to bring PICKETT and MADDOX to the test of truth to show what perjured and vicious scamps they were. The letters they guarded so carefully, and which were to prove so destructive to Governor WELLS and the Returning Board, have been opened, and lo! the bottom falls out of the miserable conspiracy between DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, and his two dead-beats. The letters were such as might have been published to the world the day they were written and they would have been taken to simply express the anxiety of the Governor to be protected against the Democratic attempt to bribe away the honest result in Louisiana, and seize the State for TILDEN. The letters are rather evidence of the desperate measures the Democrats were taking, than of anything else. There is not a syllable in them upon which even a suspicion can be based that WELLS wished to be bribed. They are more a request for moral support, and such aid as the President, in the exercise of Executive power, should see his way to confer, in the interest of a pure count. If, with the explanations of MADDOX, that letter would have been interpreted unfavorably to WELLS, in the event of its containing equivocal expressions, it certainly should be accepted fully as open and candid, and as dissipating the lying testimony of MADDOX, when it is proven to contain no such propositions or intimations he declared it did. Thus the outcome of this business, on the showing of the letters, and without as yet a word of testimony from WELLS, is to show that MADDOX, at least, is a perjured scoundrel, a blackmailer and dead-beat. If PICKETT should not be proven to be so deeply involved, he will pass as a foolish tool overimpressed with the importance of his relation to 40,000,000 people.

As to LITTLEFIELD it will be strange if his testimony does not prove to be of a piece with that of PICKETT and MADDOX. His story is that he was drunk when he received his orders; that others were drunk with him. That they refused obedience and he did the work; that the change was made, not in the interest of the general result, but of two local officers,—and then he becomes confused in his account of what was done with the papers. In the meantime it turns out that the result he professes to have been aimed at was not proclaimed, so that the motive he gives for WELLS' alleged order is entirely absurd. We venture his testimony is a bit of revenge, and that he was not smart enough to tell a lie straight enough for the various parts to be consistent. At most, he has thus far shown that while under oath of faithfulness and honesty, he was guilty of dishonesty and fraud, and that he has not been smart enough to serve his employers to good advantage. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD has an unsavory reputation in New York for defending the worst villains in the community, so long as their money held out; and he now seems anxious to make his reputation national by taking the Democratic party for his client, and dead beats for his witnesses.

A NEW CODE.

The new moral code being elaborated by the Democratic party, through its attorney at Washington, the pure and immaculate DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, will hardly need to be inscribed on tables of stone, in attestation of its value and permanency. It is rather novel, even in these days of warped morality. The strong feature of his code is that those who interfere, for a percentage in election matters, are not criminals, but those who prevent the success of their enterprises, by refusing to sell out their consciences for a price. There were PICKETT and MADDOX—the AARON and HUR of FIELD'S new moral code. One of them went to New Orleans, because "he had some sympathy for the people there," and immediately proceeded to act "on broad moral grounds"—so he swears—and so approached WELLS to arrange things, by becoming a commissioner to sell out the vote of the State to TILDEN for $1,000,000, he to have $100,000, not for himself, but for "widows and orphans at the South"—the widows especially. PICKETT acted on higher and broader moral grounds,—he felt on him the weight of 40,000,000 people,—but perish the thought that he ever consulted his own interests. Here were patriots, by their own testimony seeking to sell out a State, yet under the FIELD interpretation they are angels of the new dispensation, while those who refused to sell are criminals, worthy of the jail and dungeon. Ought not the country to immortalize FIELD for his qualities in morality?

Then a State Senator approached another member of the Returning Board, with an offer of $200,000 for the vote of the State. Under our old code of morality the offerer of the bribe would have been regarded as deserving of punishment; but under the new code, it is the rejector of the bribe that is the criminal. Says another journal: "The behavior of Mr. FIELD toward Gen. ANDERSON, the member of the Returning Board who allowed himself to be approached in this manner, was very manly and courageous. Mr. FIELD, being himself a man who never permitted a disreputable person to approach him with a retainer, and who would shrink from the thought of receiving money dishonestly obtained, pursued the witness in a way peculiarly his own, showing very clearly that the odium of the transaction belonged to the Republican person who refused the bribe, and not by any means to the Democratic person who offered it. Mr. FIELD is doing excellent service in the cause of political morality. He is gradually but surely establishing the fact that the man who is approached with a bribe and refuses it is a scoundrel. The next step will be to establish that the man who offers a bribe in the interests of reform is a praiseworthy person and a sincere patriot." This is his mission. He is simply following out the instructions of his employer, who is a Reformer,—particularly of the moral code. What was virtue, is to be called vice: honor is to be changed to dishonor; purity into corruption. DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, —TWEED'S henchman, apologist and defender is to be high priest of the new dispensation, and all things are to be adjusted to a new basis. How delightful it all will be, and how the country will be pleased with the change. TILDEN, MORRISSEY, and FIELD will be the triumvirate of the new moral code. What a splendid trinity!

MUNICIPAL DEBTS.

In various parts of the country earnest attention is being given to the question of municipal indebtedness, and the best method of meeting and liquidating it. In New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, this indebtedness has been steadily increasing, though no great public works are in progress in those cities. Their current expenses, including interest, amount to more than the sums received from taxation. The result is, that in New York and Chicago it has become a very serious issue what shall be done, as the debt has reached a limit beyond which it cannot be safely extended. In New York it reaches about one-ninth of the taxable value of the property, and in Chicago about the same. In Philadelphia it is less than one-half of this amount, but has been increasing at the rate of about $3,000,000 a year, and the people of that city have taken the alarm. In this city the debt is yet within manageable limits, being less than $14,000,000, and not the large amounts stated by the *Post* and by thoughtless partisans. And this amount includes the bonds issued under the Penn Avenue Act, as well as other forms of indebtedness. Still, it is enough, and we are interested to see it controlled and reduced, as taxation is and must be severely heavy.

The existing theories of reduction turn on the reduction of interest, and the establishing of a Sinking Fund, so that what is now necessarily paid for interest alone may serve to pay the entire debt. Of course, this plan includes the prevention of any increase of indebtedness by raising sufficient revenues to pay current expenses and interest. Under these general plans are included two subsidiary ideas: 1. The limitation of the current expenses of the city. We have held that our annual expenses should be reduced one hundred thousand dollars, and are persuaded this can be done. Mr. HARPER, of the Central Board, has prepared a bill which proposes to save nearly $50,000 in our school expenses, while maintaining the same standard of efficiency in our ward schools. In our opinion, the new plan, besides the saving it will effect, will give us greater efficiency of instruction in the schools, and we hope his bill, if it is as represented to be, will pass. The principals in our ward schools now, exercise little more than supervisory control,—and one man can exert this influence over four schools, and be thoroughly effective. We need a commission, made up of our best business men, to thoroughly inspect every department of the city government, and lop off useless officials, and regulate compensation, so that it shall be fairly distributed. We are thoroughly and profoundly satisfied, that could such a movement be properly inaugurated, and our best citizens selected,—not the self-seeking gentry who are putting themselves at the head of every movement,—we could, through the enactment of proper laws, save in our current expenses $100,000, and have a more efficient city government. But if anything is done, it must be done soon.

2. The other method of relief is to have the rate of interest on our debt reduced. We do not speak with absolute accuracy, but judge we are close to the mark when we say that our indebtedness,—including that on school buildings will average about 7 per cent. interest. That of New York averages 6½ per cent. This ought to be reduced to 5 per cent. The saving thus effected, would amount to $280,000,—and with the saving in current expenses added, we will have $380,000 as the amount that can be applied to a sinking fund, as against the principal of our debt, provided we continue to raise as much annually as we are now compelled to do. This, in about twenty-five years, with its accumulations would pay our debt. If we do not choose to pay so soon, we need raise so much less annually, which will be an immediate relief in the matter of taxation.

The principal question, just now, is how shall this change from a high to a low rate of interest be brought about? Two plans have been brought forward. In New York a general law is pending in the Legislature, authorizing cities to issue new bonds at a low rate of interest to redeem all bonds now outstanding. The rate is, if we are not mistaken, five per cent. This leaves each city to manage its own indebtedness, as heretofore, and simply authorizes it to issue low rate bonds, thus funding its entire debt at five per cent. interest. In the Illinois Legislature another plan has been brought forward, which we think much better of. It is for the State to take charge of all municipal indebtedness, in so far as to become endorser on municipal bonds, thus loaning the credit of the State to that of the cities, and thus securing the lowest rate of interest possible. Under this plan, money can be had at five, and possibly at four and one-half per cent. The State Treasurer, under this arrangement, becomes the mere disbursing agent, the several municipalities being charged with their indebtedness on his books, and then required to furnish him the necessary amount to pay interest and to meet the demands of the Sinking Fund. He thus becomes the disbursing agent of the cities. With a single amendment, this plan strikes us with great force. We could have cities, under this arrangement, absolutely prohibited, by amendment to the Constitution from contracting new indebtedness. This will be our only safeguard. Had our people been compelled to pay as they go, we would never have had water works costing millions of money, with an experimental engine, which, if worth anything, has power enough to supply a city of the size of London with water. We have absolutely run wild in improvements,—because we did not have to pay as we go, and the time has come to provide for the payment of our debts, and for putting an effectual stop to the contracting of new debts. And in our view, the Illinois plan is the best.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Gounod has sold his new opera for $20,000.

—Only one ex-Confederate is on the Commission.

—The ex-Queen of Naples is spending the winter in England.

—Sir Walter Scott's House, 25 George's Square, Edinburgh, has been sold for £2,752.

—W. J. Howard, Esq., Solicitor General of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is in Florida.

—The small towns in France are already preparing with avidity their goods for the Paris Exhibition.

—Ben. Butler was elected to stir up Ben. Hill, and now he can do nothing but tell Hoar how to do it.

—The question is "Who invented the Christiancy baby?" The Rochester *Democrat* favors a compromise.

—Alex. H. Stephens sits propped up in bed, listening, with twinkling eyes, to the obituaries read by his clerk.

—Mem. for the Fourth of July speech: Once more the ship of State is making her regular trips like a ferry boat. Long may she glide.

—Verdi, the composer, has given $10,000 to Busseto, the place of his birth, to educate gifted young musical artists of that town.

—The Chicago *Tribune* says: "In point of intellectual ability, learning, experience and professional character, the Electoral Tribunal has never been equaled by any court of equal numbers ever assembled in the United States.

—A Chicago man who was detected in an attempt to conceal a deep excavation in his front yard by a thin covering of lath and snow, finally admitted that he was building an Ashtabula bridge for his mother-in-law.

—Benjamin Disraeli and Jules Simon, Prime Ministers, respectively of England and France, are both Jews, and were born on the same day of the month, the last day of the year; but the former was born nine years before the latter.

—Justice Clifford had to remind the political and highly imaginative David Dudley Field that modesty is as becoming in great lawyers as in women. Mr. Field seems to be under the impression that he is judge advocate and jury all in one.

—I know Governor Hayes very well. He is a modest and able man—too amiable, I should think, for President. Like many of those amiable men, he is also very brave.—[Sunset Cox. May we intrude the additional remark that Hayes is not a humorist.

—Abram Hewitt and his brother went through Columbia College on the co-operative plan. The brother earned enough money to support them both; Abram attended the College classes during the day, and at night imparted to his brother what he had learned.

—Queen Victoria has requested Lord Baltimore, long the treasurer of her Majesty,s household, to resign his post. Two children of them his wife and one of them the wife of another person, are understood to have something to do with this decisive step of her Majesty's.

—Courtesy can be carried too far, as was the case with the Oil City lad, who, bowing himself backward out of a house, fell off the steps, struck on his head and shoulders on the walk, and shot over the icy surface to the gate with the speed of a coasting sled. The lady offered to have his coat mended, but they had to split his plug hat open before it could be got off.

—The scarlet fever epidemic in Chicago has become so severe that the Commissioner of Health has been compelled to issue an order instructing the practicing physicians of the city to report to the Board of Health all new cases of the disease. The physicians have been trying to agree upon some general plan for ridding the city of the deadly disease, but thus far without effect.

—Mr. Field, the great New York lawyer, from whose big fees it is said Tweed ran away and not from prison, is what may be called a speaker of the Wendell Phillips and George William Curtis school, soft and persuasive in tone and rich and Oriental in imagery, but, "they say" who are judges, that he lacks their coherence of thought in argument and sharpness of outline in statement. "No more directness of aim than a blunderbuss," is one of the more unfavorable criticisms on his hour's speech.

—It is to be feared that Gov. "Blue Jeans" Williams, of Indiana, in his desire to vindicate his claims as a society man to an astonished world, is demoralizing the Legislature by his hops and receptions, with ginger bread and ice cream thrown in. The Governor should keep steadily in mind the fact that the people have sent their representatives to the Capital to work for them, and that if their working capacity is impaired by indulgence in unaccustomed ices and quarter sections of a kind of cake that has a malicious tendency to swell in the stomach, the fearful responsibility will rest upon him.

—The Hon. William A. Wheeler, Vice President-elect, played a practical joke on a reporter the other day, and a recount has been demanded. The reporter approached Mr. Wheeler at Zanesville, O., and respectfully declared his intentions. Mr. Wheeler commenced: "How long have you been in the business?" How do you like the profession?" "How many inhabitants in Zanesville?" "What is the circulation of your paper?" and so plied the reporter with questions until the train moved off. The reporter was flattered at the interest the Vice President elect took in his affairs, but he wants all reports as to the interview thrown out on the account of intimidation.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Yesterday.

U. S. District Court.

The U. S. District Court was not in session yesterday, Judge Ketcham being absent from the city.

W. L. Berg, of Butler county, yesterday filed a petition in the U. S. District Court for the adjudication of himself in bankruptcy.

Common Pleas No. 1.

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

Edmundson vs. Penney, action on a contract. On trial.

Irwin in trust vs. John A. McKee, rule to open judgment and allow garnishee to defend.

Commonwealth ex rel., vs. Casper Negley, rule to show cause why petition for inquisition should not be quashed.

W. J. Alexander et al., vs. M. B. Brown, bill amended and service ordered.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Jones vs. Point Bridge Co.
Trauerman vs. Brewers' Fire Insurance Company.
Same vs. National Insurance Co.
Same vs. Humboldt Fire Insurance Co.
Same vs. Teutonia Insurance Co.
Lloyd vs. Seibeneck.
Chettle vs Olnhausen.
Maley vs Castle Shannon R. R. Co.
Hahn vs. Good.
Ihmsen vs. Ledlie.
Biggert vs. City of Pittsburgh.
Park Savings Bank vs. Burchfield.
Rigdon et al. vs. Hanlon.
Campbell vs. Erdner.
Vick et al. vs. The Hildise Bund.
The Howe Machine Co. vs. Fuller.

Common Pleas No. 2.

JUDGES KIRKPATRICK AND WHITE.

S. F. Duncan vs. Ralya & Robinson; action to recover on a contract. On trial.

P. C. Shields & Co. vs. William Bowers et al.; sci fa on mechanic's lien. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Walker vs. Anderson.
City of Pittsburgh vs. Patterson.
Hare vs. Darlington.
Martin vs. P. R. R. Co.
Vandegrift et al. vs. Lighthill heirs.
Patterson et ux. vs. Patterson et al.
Snyder vs. Heath.
Estep vs. Clemmens & Co.
Hornish et al. vs. Duff et ux.
Cluley vs. Phillips.
Nolte vs. German B. & L. Association.
Faughner vs. Dilworth.
Billib et ux. vs. Castle Shannon Railroad Co;

Criminal Court.

JUDGE STOWE.

Commonwealth vs. Christ Keisling, indicted for malicious mischief, on oath of M. Frederick, for tearing down a flag at Mansfield during the political campaign last fall, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. M. Douds, indicted for assault and battery, on oath of George Luther, and Commonwealth vs. George Luther, indicted for assault and battery, on oath of M. Douds, cross suits, the jury returned a verdict of guilty in each case.

Commonwealth vs. Lewis Haney, indicted for misdemeanor in office, on oath of Martin Manis, on trial.

Commonwealth vs. John Gherst, indicted for larceny, previously reported, the jury is out.

Commonwealth vs. William Emory, indicted for larceny and receiving stolen goods, on oath of William Bowden. Defendant plead guilty to the latter count.

Commonwealth vs. John Straub, indicted for assault and battery, on oath of Augustus Wenter. Verdict of guilty.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs.
J. H. Alfree, C. C. Martin,
W. W. Phillips, John Schultz (2),
James Quinn et al., Hiram Kimball,
E. M. Elliott, G. Reynolds,
H. Kimball, M. Krall,
William Thompson, Pat. Dougherty,
George Hartle, John Roleman,
John Kelly, M. Koch,
R. Thompson, Jas. Fleming,
L. S. Hibbs, J. W. Straub,
Anton Branner.

Legal Notes.

IN the Criminal Court yesterday in the cases of the Commonwealth vs. Wm. S. Evans and Sanford Coulson, indicted for perjury on oath of W. J. Kountz and Major W. D. Spiking, two cases, a *nolle pros* was entered in each case, the prosecutors paying the costs.

MICHAEL HALL yesterday filed an answer to the declaration in the suit brought against him by his wife to recover on the bonds given conditioned for his compliance with the order of Court to pay her $8 00 per week. He says he is willing to pay so far as he is able, but that he only makes $7 per week.

IN the case of the German National Bank of Pittsburgh vs. B. Dorrington, an action to recover on a promisory note on which defendant twas second endorser, the rule for judgment for want of sufficient affidavit of defense was made absolute and judgment entered for $1,937.09. Opinion by Ewing, P. J.

UNCONSCIOUS EDUCATION.

The Great Value of Careful Home Training.

A few evenings ago a little party of children were gathered in a pleasant parlor to look at some "views" exhibited with the use of a fine magic lantern. Among the pictures thrown upon the canvass were some very ordinary ones, entirely devoid of artistic beauty. All the children but one were, in spite of their quality, delighted with all the pictures, and applauded all with remarkable impartiality. There was one, a little girl of but four years, who, after a few of the poorer pictures had been shown, cried out, "I don't want to see any more of those horrid things." Curious to know why she was more discriminating than her fellows, we found upon inquiry, that she had been trained in a home where an abundance of the best pictures adorned the walls, her own playroom having a profusion of them. Insensibly her eye had been trained to fine perceptions of artistic beauty, and the pictures which pleased other children offended her good taste.

It is almost impossible to estimate the importance of this unconscious training of the eye, even among the youngest. The incident we have related shows how much is possible from the art education which has been introduced into our common schools. There has been much opposition on the ground of the uselessness of this among the younger scholars. But it is far from useless. Right impressions can be made far earlier than we imagine, and with this training, begun very early, we shall find the development of a generation out of which better mechanics and artists will come than can possibly be obtained without it.

Married on Her Death-Bed.

Miss Emma L. Kreglo, daughter of our well known fellow-citizen, David Kreglo, residing at 55 North Delaware street, was married yesterday at 11 o'clock to Mr. John E. Hough, Rev. E. B. Mason officiating. The circumstances attending this wedding occasion were peculiarly sad and affecting. Miss Kreglo has been for some weeks lying very low with typhoid fever, and for the past few days there has seemed scarcely a possibility of her recovery. Before her sickness her wedding day had been appointed, and yesterday, surrounded only by her family, she gave her hand to him whom she had chosen to walk with through life. It was a sad and yet beautiful scene; and, although her recovery seems almost impossible, her friends may cherish the hope that there may be many years of happy wedded life awaiting her.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

Brother Gardner is Prepared.

Seventeen colored men leaned up against the south wall of the Central Market yesterday in a row, and by and by one of them remarked:

"Well, now, dis is curus weather. Pears like I could hear de buds starting outen de trees. Will Brudder Gardner please 'splain wat sort ob weather is gwine to prevail aroun' heah in 'bout a week?"

"Gemlen," replied the aged man as he walked down the line, "de best way is to be on bof sides ob de question, an' den you is ready for de main emergency. Before I left home dis noon I tole de ole woman to git out my white vest an' linen cote an' put all de buttons back on. Den when I got down town I contracted for de use of fo' thermometers and six snow shovels, an' I'ze pufflckly willin' to let de weather blossom out or freeze up. Dere's nuffin like takin' time by the padlock."

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New Goods, New Attractions and Extra Good Bargains

IN THE FOLLOWING:

We take special pleasure in inviting the attention of purchasers to a new and complete line of

BLACK CASHMERES

We have just opened in all the different and various qualities, lowest to finest grades in Wool, all-Wool and Silk Warp, and offered at quite a reduction in prices from former goods.

BLACK DRESS SILKS.

And to another opening to-day of Black and Colored Dress Silks, offered at prices making them Special Good Bargains.

☞The previous line of these goods having been so highly appreciated and proven such a success, we are pleased to announce in our New Silks if anything still better value.

NEW SUITINGS, &C.

We have the following additional bargains now on our counters which are all NEW Goods lately opened:
At 10c, Plain and Plaid Knickerbocker Suitings.
At 8½ and 10c, new Poplin and Wool Plaid Suitings.

AT 12 1-2 CENTS.

New styles fresh Dress Goods.
At 22 and 28c, new Basket Suitings, formerly 37½ and 60c.
At 15c, Wool Striped Oversuitings.

SERGES AND BROCADES.

Also a new line opened to-day, in Single and Double Serges, All-Wool Striped Sateens, All-Wool Striped Brocades, Striped and Plain Cashmere Suitings, together with new novelties in French, English and American Dress Fabrics of new designs at extremely

LOW PRICES.

Extra good bargains in Black Alpacas and Mohairs of new and superior makes.

NEW GOODS ARRIVING DAILY.

Opening to-day, a new and large assortment of Ladies', Misses', Children's, Gents' and Boys'

BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS,

Slippers, Gum and Arctic Overshoes, in all grades and styles at much less than usual prices.
New and choice assortment of

WHITE GOODS

Of all kinds. Corded White P. K.'s from 11c up, and all at very lowest prices.
New Cloaks added daily to our stock, so that each garment is new and fresh and in latest seasonable styles and all marked unusually low.
☞We are just in receipt of a large and new line of WHITE

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR,

&c., consisting of plain, tucked and embroidered Skirts, plain, tucked and embroidered Chemises, plain, tucked and embroidered Pants, plain, tucked and embroidered Night Dresses, plain, tucked and embroidered

INFANTS' ROBES.

Plain, tucked and embroidered Short Dresses made in the best possible manner, of the best qualities of Muslins in great variety and at prices rather lower than usual.

SUITS AND COSTUMES.

Ladies' Black and Colored Suits.
Ladies' Overdresses and Costumes,
New and Fashionable Shawls,

BLANKETS, QUILTS, &C.

New and fresh White and Colored Blankets, Comforts, Coverlets, Quilts, &c., at very low prices.
Gents' Ready-made Clothing in latest styles at reduced prices.

FRESH & COMPLETE STOCK.

We have received and opened to day the following additional Bargains to those we have been lately offering:

NAPKINS.

At 50 and 60c per dozen, a line of large Linen Table Napkins, very slightly imperfect.

IRISH LINENS.

Another lot of fine Irish Linens, short lengths, offered at fully 50 per cent. less than real value, in lengths of from one-half a yard to four yards.

CALICOS, CHINTZES.

Also new Shirting and Fancy Calicos, new fancy Percales and Chintzes, new fancy Cretonnes, &c.
At 6¼c, yard wide Dark Chintzes.
At 5 and 6¼c, best makes Fast Colored Calicos.

SHIRTINGS.

At 10c, 4-4 "FRUIT OF THE LOOM" SHIRTING MUSLINS.

BARGAINS.

☞Despite the advance in Shirtings and Cotton Goods, being amply prepared, we still, and will continue to offer all the good bargains to be found on our counters lately.

DRESS SHIRTS.

Particular attention is requested to the unusual good bargains to be had in Unlaundried and Dress Shirts.

SHIRT FRONTS.

At 75c, the "Progress" Shirts, two in one, worth $2.00, and all numbers in Shirt Fronts, of our own manufacture, at unusually low prices, value being unexcelled anywhere.

HOSIERY, TIES, &C.

New Plain and Fancy Hosiery, Gents' Ties, Bows, Handkerchiefs, &c.

QUEENSWARE.

Glass, China and Queensware at much less than usual prices.

Each of our Departments is at present unusually attractive, with New Novelties arriving daily.

Ladies' Dark Colored Cotton Hose at 75c—reduced from $1.50 per pair.
Children's Dark Colored and Striped Cotton Hose at 50c—reduced from $1 and $1.25 per pair.
Fine Lisle Hose at $1.25 and $1.50—worth $2.25 per pair.
Men's Fine Cashmere Half Hose at 50c per pair.
Extra Heavy Cotton Half Hose at 50c per pair.
British Cotton Half-Hose at 25c per pair—extra good value.
Another lot of those extra nice Silk Handkerchiefs at 25c—just received.

RETAIL STORES.

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Eclipse Steam Pump Works.

S. D. HUBBARD & CO.,

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S. D. HUBBARD & CO., GENTS—We have in use five Eclipse Steam Pumps, four of which have been in use over three years; all of which are good, reliable and easily managed, being economical in the use of steam, strong and durable, being to-day as good as new. We would recommend parties wanting pumps to see the Eclipse before purchasing. Very respectfully,

J. J. VANDERGRIFT, President.
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NEW GOODS

NOW ARRIVING,

Also in certain lines of goods placed on the counters will offer several departments, to be closed out during the present month.

NEW LINES OF LADIES'

MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS,

Made up in a superior manner, plain and trimmed in Hamburg Embroideries and Torchon Lace.

New Striped Wash Material SKIRTS.

Hamburg Embroideries!

A very choice and large assortment at the lowest figures that have yet been reached.

TORCHON LACES,

All widths Edging and Inserting.

WHITE GOODS!

Plain, Barred and Striped Nainsooks.
Soft Finished Long Cloth Cambrics.
Welt Piques, Irish Linens, &c.

TABLE DAMASKS, NAPKINS AND TOWELS.

Bargains in Ladies' White

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.

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Ladies' Dark Colored Cotton Hose at 75c—reduced from $1.50 per pair.
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JANUARY 1, 1876.

ASSETS.

(At Market Value.)

Cash on hand and in bank	$ 588,559 74
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	436 501 62
Real Estate	365,000 00
Mortgage bonds	1 418,060 60
Bank and Trust Company stocks	1,330,150 00
Railroad Stocks	579 686 00
Loans on bond and mortgage	81,500 00
Loans on collaterals	13,727 00
United States, State and city stock and other securities	1,969,465 61
Total	$6,792,649 98

LIABILITIES.

Claims not due and unadjusted	$ 246,385 56

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Incorporated 1835. Established in Pittsburgh 1864.
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Losses Paid since 1829, over $10,000,000
Cash Assets Jan. 1, 1876, $2,308,234 80
LOSSES ADJUSTED AND PAID BY
J. G. COFFIN & CO.,
THIRD AVENUE AND WOOD STREET.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

DISSOLUTION.

PITTSBURGH, February 1, 1877.
Consequent upon the death of David E. Park, the firm of Park & Co. is this day dissolved

FINANCIAL.

SHOE AND LEATHER BANK.

Cor: Diamond and Wood Streets,

In Germania Bank Building

PITTSBURGH, PA

CAPITAL, - - - - - - $200,000

D. R. DAVIDSON, President,
JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Deposits received and interest allowed on Time Deposits. Particular attention given to collections and proceeds promptly remitted.

DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 6, 1877.

The week opened quiet, with no special movement of any kind in the monetary market,—business following its regular channels without unusual feature. The banks are accumulating currency and the demand is far below their ability to meet. Yet a feeling of prudence induces a conservative course which will probably be pursued till the situation becomes more distinct and assured. There is considerable talk among bankers relative to the resumption message, there being about the same diversity of opinion as among outsiders. Some favor, others oppose. In the meantime, the possibility of a sudden move is in that direction tends to make bankers careful and cautious. Nothing new as to rates. Real estate and rents dull.

REDUCING INTEREST RATES.

The movement among the savings banks to reduce the rate of interest on deposits is spreading all over the country. In New England the rates have in many cases—enough to establish a precedent—been brought down to 4 per cent. Here the rate is 5 per cent, but the banks are not anxious to take money at that and the tendency is downward. It will be interesting to note the effect of the change in leading to the withdrawal of deposits. Heretofore the rate of interest paid by savings banks has been nearly equal to that which could be obtained from reliable stocks and bonds. But with the reduction there are many stocks and bonds that will pay better, and some money will likely be withdrawn from the banks and invested in them. We judge that the withdrawals will be confined mainly to the funds of depositors who are called "well off,"—who have se ar as th th pe ne de to to th of de be to w

The question of specie resumption seems to be engaging the special attention of financial journals just now, and the general sentiment is favorable to an early resumption. One authority favors the issue of the long 4 per cent. bonds as the best measure to equalize the value of greenbacks and gold. Into this the surplus greenbacks now in circulation would be funded. The reduction of currency which would accompany this would doubtless be felt for a while, but the need of more circulation would inevitably point the way to the millions of dollars of gold which, upon resumption, would be available as currency. The banks of New York hold $40,000,000 in gold. Most of this is owned by their customers, who have borrowed greenbacks upon it. With the removal of the premium would come the introduction of this as a part of the available commercial funds of the country. Now, though reckoned as deposits, gold is really collateral, and no more available as money than are stocks or bonds deposited in the same way.

FUNDING GREENBACKS.

The Boston *Commercial Bulletin* thinks "there can be no better time than the present for the funding of the surplus greenbacks. The financial current is setting towards the metropolis, and the legal tender average of the New York banks showing an increase of $2,122,000 during the week preceding the last report, and the rate of interest will decline as loanable funds increase. It is possible now to take one practical step towards the fulfillment of the promises the Government has made. It is to be hoped that Congress will take time enough from political controversy to do what needs to be done for the honor and prosperity of the nation."

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	104½	5-20's 1868-coupons	116⅝
U. S. 6's 1881, coup	114	10-40's (regis'd)	111
" 1881	108⅝	Currency 6's	123⅝
" 1895 now	119½	New 5 per cents	111
6-20's 1867	118½	10-40's coupons	111⅞

PARKERSBURG.

N. Y. Central	101⅛	Ohio & Mississippi	6⅜
Erie	9⅝	Union Pacific	67⅛
Lake Shore	71⅞	Toledo & Wabash	7
C. C. & I. C.	3⅜	Harlem	140⅝
St. Paul	19⅛	Adams Express	104
Do. Pref	33⅛	Quicksilver	12¾
Lake Shore	84⅜	U. S. Express	57
Del. Central	46⅜	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	84
Northwestern com	33½	Quicksilver	12¾
Do. Pref	58½	Fort Wayne	161
Rock Island	101⅛	Hannibal & St. Jo.	12
Ft. Wayne	101¾	Atlantic	24
Pacific Mail	25¼	Iron Mountain	9
Western Union Tel.	74⅜	N. J. Central	97⅝
Delaware, L. & W.	108⅛	Hudson	93

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	(8)	46¼	Con. Trans (B)
Reading	(8)	19¼	Empire do. (A
U. Cos. of N. J. (A)	139⅝	A. V. R. R.	
Oil Creek	(8)	7¼	U. N. Pacific bonds
Lehigh Valley	(8)	47¼	N. Pacific bonds

NEW YORK, February 5, 1877.

Money was easy at 3@4 prime mercantile paper 4@4½. The customs receipts were $721,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $619,000. The clearings were $47,000,000. Sterling was steady at 484½@485. Gold opened at 108⅜ and closed at 108⅝. The carrying rates were 1 to 5. Silver at London is 57⅞ pence. Here silver bars are $1 31¾ greenbacks and $1.24⅛ gold; silver coin ¾ discount. Governments were strong and higher. Railroad bonds were strong. State securities were quiet. Stocks were regular, with coal shares and express stocks strong and higher, and the remainder of the list generally a little lower. Western Union was the weak spot in the market, and declined from 75⅝ to 74⅜, at which price it closed. One of the reasons for the increased strength in coal stocks was an advance in Reading at Philadelphia to 19⅜, and a "squeeze" in cash stocks. The transactions were 111,000 shares, of which 5,000 were Northern Union, 13,000 St. Paul, 12,000 Lake Shore, 3,400 Michigan Central, 14,000 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and 8,000 New Jersey Central.

Governments.—United States coupons of 1881, 114⅝; 5-20s of '65, 108¾; do '65 new, none; do of '67, 113⅝; do do '68, 116½; new 5s, 111; new 4½s, 107⅝; 10-40s, 111⅜; do coupons, 114⅛; currency 6s, 123¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee old, 43; do. new, 42¾; Virginia new, 59; do. old, 60; Missouri sixes, 105¾.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 74⅜; Quicksilver, 15¾; do preferred, 22; Pacific Mail, 25¼; Mariposa, 4¾; do preferred, 9; Adams Express, 104¾; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 83½; American Express, 60; United States Express, 82; New York Central, 101⅜; Erie, 9⅝; do preferred, 19½; Hudson River, 140; preferred, 156; Michigan Central, 46¼; Panama, 122; Union Pacific, 67⅜; Lake Shore, 84⅝; Illinois Central, 81⅛; Pittsburgh, 92¾; Northwest common, 35; do. preferred, 55; C., C., C. & I., 92; New Jersey Central, 97¼; Rock Island, 101⅜; St. Paul, 19; do. preferred, 49; Toledo & Wabash, 7⅜; Fort Wayne, 161; Terre Haute, 1934; do. preferred, 113½; Chicago & Alton, 101¾; do. pref'd, 111; Ohio & Mississippi, 6⅜; Cleveland & Pittsburg, 79; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 15½; Missouri Pacific, 3; Indiana Central, 2¾; Huntington & Quincy, 16½; Hannibal & St. Joe, 12; Central Pacific, 107½; Union Pacific, 104⅝; Union Pacific Land Grant, 103½; Union Pacific Sinking Fund, 93¾.

LONDON, February 5—3 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was $474,000. Consols 95 1-16; 5-20s of '65, 104⅝; do. of '67, 110; 10-40s, 110⅝; new 5s, 107⅛; New York Central, 99; Erie, 9⅜; do. preferred, 21.

PARIS, February 5.—Rentes, 106f.

FRANKFORT, February 5.—United States new 5ves 104⅜.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 5, 1877.

The Crude market was weaker to-day, caused by the report of another strike on Bullion Run, although there was not much change in prices as compared with Saturday. United certificates were quoted this P. M. at $1.11¾; immediate shipment, $1.10@1.12½.

Refined continues very dull; little or no movement in the export trade, and the home trade demand is falling off. New York dispatches quote 26¾ as the combination rate with sales of small lots in second hands at 22. Price to home trade buyers here has been reduced to 22½c by the carload—this is now the combination rate.

Oil Barrels dull with city make lower, and latter countries unchanged; former, $1.25, and latter $1.05.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
J. Rushnell	Liberty o W	698
G M Robinson	Fales, A & Co	305
Owner	Crystal o w	85
Owner	Star o w	83
Duncan	Neahouse & Co	80
Robinson	C H Beutel	83
Total		1,366

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL PER A. V. AND N. AND O. RAILROADS.

Shipper.		Bbls.
American Oil Works	Brough, McK. & Co Rail	969
Citizens Oil Co	Do do	449
Standard Oil Co	Warden, F & Co	100
Total		1,518

PITTSBURGH MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 5, 1877.

There has been but little change in the general position of the leading markets since the date of our last review; business has been rather better, but as regards values we have no important change to note. Flour and Wheat are easier, but in our market there has been no decline as yet. The market for the Hog products continues moderately active but unchanged, with an easy feeling, although it is worthy of notice that the products are cheaper relatively than hogs. In Groceries, we can report an advance on Sugars and a change to bid for common to good and $1.75@2 for choice fruit.

APPLE-BUTTER—Continues dull; quoted at 35 @40 ₱ gallon in kegs and firkins.

ALES—There is no change to note in prices and trade is generally reported dull, like everything else, affected by the hard times, X ₱ ₱ bbl to the city and ₱ to country; XX $10; India $11. half bbls in proportion.

ASHES—The demand continues light and prices are easy but unchanged. Common Soda Ash, 2¾@3; refined do, 3a3¼. Nitrate Soda, 3¼@4. Pearls, 6¾@7. Potash, 3½@6. Arsenic, 5a5½c. Manganese, 6a6¾. Fluor Spar, 2a2½. Black Lead, 6a8.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3¼a3¾ cents.

BROOM CORN—Demand fair for the better grades. We quote from actual sales: Choice No. 1 Hurl, 7; choice No. 2 Hurl, 6¾; choice green brush that will work up, 6; choice brush do, 5; good to fair do, 4¾a4¼; good inside and covers, 4a4¾; good crooked, 3a3½. Stocks here light and prices for choice green looking up.

BRUSHES—White Scrubbing, $10a11 ₱ gross. Gray, $11a20. White Shoe, $12a30; Shoe, $12a40; Horse (wood backs) $22a66; Horse (leather backs) 43a135; Extra white-wash, $36a75; Common do, $24 a60.

BELTING—The discount in this article and the competition are so great that manufacturers have been losing money, and to remedy this the Belt manufacturers held a National Convention, at which the following prices were unanimously adopted, and discounts refused about 15 per cent, from that heretofore allowed. We quote:

Inch.	Per Foot	Inch.	Per Foot
1	09	5	37
1½	12	5½	41
2	21	6	69
2½	27	7	81
3	33	8	93
3½	39	10	1 17
4	45	12	1 41
4½	50	14	1 65

Discount 10 to 20 per cent., as to quality and quantity and chemical tannages.

BEESWAX—In steady demand at 30a32c on arrival, and 35a37c for selected yellow.

BEANS—Are very scarce and badly wanted—some are holding round lots of prime navy at $2.25 ₱ bushel, and any lots that can be bought at less are eagerly picked up on arrival. Our market is the lowest in the country, and there are none comhere except from near by points.

BROOMS—There is an active demand, and our nufacturers are full of orders. We quote the anced prices of Feb. 1st as follows:

3 Hurl (plain handles) red corn	$1 10
4 Hurl (varnished handles) red corn	2 15
5 Hurl do do do	2 65
1 Hurl (plain handles) green corn	1 65
2 Hurl do do do	1 90
3 Hurl (painted handles) brace finish	2 25
4 Hurl do do velvet finish	2 75
5 Hurl do do do	3 00
6 Hurl do do do	3 00
carpet (velvet finish	3 00
4 carpet do	3 50
5 carpet do	3 75
5 Parlor (extra fine)	4 00
4 Parlor do	4 00
ol Brooms, to order	$4 50a5 00
Brooms (plain finish)	1 50a1 75
Toy do (velvet finish)	1 50a1 75
Whisks (6, 8 and and 10 inch) Velvet	1 50a1 75
Do. do. do.	Plain 1 25a1 50

BUTTER—Continues to come forward freely, contrary to general expectation, and with a light demand, the supply accumulating and holders all anxious to realize, prices are weak and in buyers favor. The supply in this market is unusually large for this season of the year, and as the seaboard markets are like our own, there is no demand for export, hence dealers are obliged to depend upon local buyers. However, as noted in the GAZETTE of last week, a feeling prevails among well-informed dealers that there will be a better market during the next few weeks, as it is expected that the arrivals will fall off largely just as soon as the country roads break up. Prime to choice rolls, 20a23c; extra do, 24a25c; medium to fair, 15a18; do solid packed, 9a12.

CEMENT, &c., &c.—Following are the current quotations: Plaster—French's selected, $1.75; New York and Michigan, $1. Cement—Portland, $6@$6.50; Rosendale, $3@3.50; Youghiogheny, New Liston and Louisville, $1.75@2; Cleveland Lime, $1.25. White Sand, $1.50.

CORDAGE & ROPE—There is a moderate demand but no change in prices, which we annex as follows:

MANILLA ROPE.

⅜ inch diameter and upwards	13½ cts. per lb
⅞ "	15¾ "
¾ and 5-16 in. diameter	16¾ "
⅜ inch diameter and upward	11¼ cts. per lb
⅞ "	13¾ "
¾ and 5-16 in. diameter	12¾ "
Hay, spoke and leather	11¼ "

OAKUM.

Best	$5 00 | U. S. Navy $4 75

CRACKERS—Demand active and prices advanced.

Water Crackers	6¾
Soda "	8
Butter "	6
Oyster "	6¾
Lemon Biscuit	8
Sugar Crackers	9

CIDER—Is quoted nominally at $3a4 ₱ bbl—bbls included.

CANNED GOODS—Following are the current jobbing rates:

3 ₱ Peaches	$2 25	2 ₱ Pears	$2 00
3 ₱ Pie Peaches	1 80	2 ₱ Winslow Corn	2 00
2 ₱ Extra Peaches	1 75	2 ₱ Marrowfat	1 90
2 ₱ Strawberries	1 75	2 ₱ Lima Beans	1 90
2 ₱ Pine Apple	2 50	2 ₱ String Beans	1 75
2 ₱ Whortleberries	2 00	2 ₱ Cherries	2 00
2 ₱ Raspberries	2 25		

CHEESE—The market is firm with a light stock, small receipts and favorable reports from the seaboard markets and the factories as well, but prices remain unchanged. Prime Ohio Factory, 14¾a14¾; Prime to choice trade, and 15¾a15¾c in a jobbing way.

COAL & COKE—The Coal trade continues quite active, and with a very light supply in first hands and a good demand, prices are firm at the recent advance. Coke is also in good demand but unchanged; quoted at $2.25a2.50 per ton delivered (per coal) and $2.75a3 at Broadford.

CRANBERRIES—The supply is light, but prices remain unchanged; @$11 ₱ bbl.

COOPERAGE—Oil Barrel cooperage continues dull and prices have declined. Circled Heading, 20c per set; sawed Heading, $40 per m for dry and $47½ for green. Hooked and jointed staves, $32; bucket staves, $37. Long and Well Window Glass staves, 24a24½; rough do, $20. Oil Barrels weak and lower; countries, $1.05; city make, $1.25 .

DRESSED HOGS—7a8c ₱ lb.

DRIED PEAS—There is a steady demand for prime green at $1.50 ₱ bushel in round lots and $1.75 in a jobbing way.

DRIED FRUIT—There is scarcely enough movement to establish quotations. Apples, 4a5c ₱ lb; halves Peaches, 11a12c ₱ lb. Evaporated unpeeled, 18a20c; fine evaporated peeled, 30a35c ₱ lb.

EGGS—The market, in consequence of increased arrivals is weaker, and prices are compared with our last review, are lower; we now quote fresh at 20a22, and pickled at 23a25c. If the mild weather continues, the probability is that prices will go still lower, as the demand is light, as it always is when rates got up to where they have been for some time past.

FEATHERS—In slow demand at 54a55c.

FISH—Following are the current rates:

	₱ bbl.	half bbl.
Split Labrador Herring	7 50	
Round Herring	6 00	per bbl.
White Fish		5 75
Lake Trout		4 50
Lake Pickerel		2 50
Lake Herring		2 50
Large Georges Codfish	6¾c ₱ lb	
Boneless Codfish	6¾	
Medium do	5¾ ₱ box	
No 1 Herring	85c ₱ box	
Scaled do	50c "	
Ex o 1 Mess Mackerel	$27 00	
Ex o 1 Shore	20 50	
No 1 Shore	18 00	
No 1 Bay	15 00	
Ex No 2 Large	15 50	
No 2 Medium	11 00	
No 2 Large	11 50	
No 3 Medium	8 50	

FLOUR—There has not been much change in the general position of the market since the date of our last review; there is an easier feeling, and the impression prevails that prices have reached the highest point, hence the demand has fallen off, as buyers will naturally hold off while there is a possibility of a decline, as is the case just now, although, as yet, prices are still maintained. Wheat has declined at nearly all the leading trade centres within the past week, but as yet we hear of none of the millers having reduced their prices for Flour, but it is well to bear in mind that the market is considerably higher relatively than the latter. It is also worthy of notice that both Wheat and Flour are considerably higher in this country relatively than in Europe, hence the export trade must of necessity be light, and this being the case, it is not natural to expect any further appreciation in the value of the latter, but, on the contrary, to look for a decline unless there should be an advance in Europe. In a word, in the absence of an export demand, a decline in this country is probable, and it follows, therefore, that the market is in an unsettled and unsatisfactory condition, and that a change one way or the other before long is not improbable. At current rates Flour is still cheaper relatively than at the source of supply, as our dealers have purchased but little recently, and as their stock was contracted for some time ago, before it advanced to the highest notch they have a very fair margin at the prevailing prices. Good to choice brands of red winter and spring wheat flours may be fairly quoted at $7.75 in bbls, and $7.50 in sacks; ambers, $6a6.50; low grades and fancy white wheat brands, $5a10. Rye flour, $4.75a5.25.

GROCERIES—Brazil Coffee—The New York *Price Current* of the 3d inst. says: This market since our last has been well-nigh at a complete stand, and, in the absence of business, the market is of course not only very dull, but weaker than it was before. Though the stock in first hands is light, and not pressed for sale, the stimulus of even a moderate demand is lacking, and the market has a drooping appearance. We have not varied our quotations, but they are somewhat nominal, our outside figures, at least, not being obtainable. The considerable arrivals of late at Southern ports have attracted buyers in that section, and doubtless diminished the buying here." The higher grades, such as strictly prime, choice and fancy Rio, are very scarce and relatively higher than the lower qualities, which are in larger supply. The statistical position is as follows:

	Bags.
Stock of Brazil coffee, first hands	61,671
Same time in 1876	385,129
Same time in 1875	90,745
Stock of Brazil coffee in second hands	193,000
Same time in '76	187,074

Total afloat and loading to Dec. 30 142,505
Stock in the U. S. ports 61,671
Purchases at Rio, Dec. 30 to Jan. 27 120,000

Total visible supply 1877 324,236
Total visible supply Feb. 2, '76 347,848

The stock of mild Coffee is light, and the market may be quoted firm and active for Java. Sugars are strong, and the eastern ports almost clear of stock. Refiners are now heavy purchasers of the new crop to arrive, and while they are only running half turn, with several out altogether, refined Sugars are held with considerable strength, and tending upward. It is thought that this week will show a material advance. N. O. Sugar ¼ to ⅝c higher. Molasses unchanged. Syrups a shade up and firmer. Rice advancing. Teas firm for all descriptions. Spices steady.

SUGARS.

Crushed	13 a	Choice Mocha—green	32 a
Granulated	12¾a	TEAS.	
Powdered	12¾a	Young Hyson ¾ lb foil	70 a
Cut Loaf	13 a	Gunpowder do	90 a
A Coffee	11¾a	Imperial do	60 a
B Coffee	11¾a	Extra C	11 a11¼
Yellows	10a10⅜	Oolong do	45 a
Choice N. O.	9¾a 9¾	Souchong	55 a
Prime N. O.	9¾a 9¾	RICE.	
SYRUPS.		Choice Carolina	6¾a7
Choice maple in drums	58a60	Choice Louisiana	5¾a6
Fancy Syrup	75a78	SPICES.	
Good Syrup	43a45	Pepper—ground	25
Fair Syrups	40a	Pepper—in grain	20
Sugar House	30a	Alspice	17 a
MOLASSES.		Cloves	35 a
Choice N. O. Grand	70	Cinnamon	30 a
Prime N. O.	57a58	Mustard Seed	12 a
Fair N. O.	50a55	Nutmegs	$1.05 a1.20
FOREIGN COFFEE.		Ginger	15 a
Roasted Rio, bulk	27¾a	Layer Raisins ₱ bx	$2 (0
Roasted Rio, ₱ lb papers	28 a	Valencia Raisins per lb	9¾a
Roasted Java	35 a	Seedless mats, 50 ₱s to mat	5 00
Choice Rio—green	25 a	Choice new Turkey Prunes	7¾a8
Prime Rio—green	24 a	Old Turkey Prunes	6
Good Rio—green	23 a	French Prunes	10 a16
		Currants—new	7a7¾

GRAIN—The general tone of the market for Wheat is easier, in sympathy with the advices from the leading trade centres, but with continued light receipts and a steady demand, prices are still maintained; moreover, it should be borne in mind that prices were not advanced here in proportion with other markets, hence it cannot be expected to decline so rapidly. Even at the decline Wheat cannot yet be laid down here from the west to afford more than an ordinary commission, if that. The indications at the present writing, however, are that prices are likely to rule lower; one important reason for expecting a decline lies in the fact that it is much higher relatively than the products, and we hear of quite a number of mills having been stopped the consequence which, of course, will materially reduce the consumption. Moreover, there is little or no demand for export, as prices are much higher relatively in this country than Europe; we continue to quote at $1.45a1.50 for fair to prime Penna, and 90a95 red; do, amber and white $1.50a1.55. The Oat market is firmer, in consequence of diminished receipts recently, but there has been no advance as yet; mixed, 37a38c; white, 39a40c. Ear Corn—under the influence of increased receipts and offerings—is dull, and prices as compared with the date of our last review, are 2a3c ₱ bushel lower, we now quote at 50a51c on wharf—we are cognizant of sales at 50c. Shelled Corn, although in light supply, is also dull and prices are weak, with a drooping tendency; 50a51c on track. Rye is in fair demand but unchanged; 75a77c. Barley continues dull, and No. 2 spring may be quoted at 75a80c.

HAY—Baled is coming forward more freely, and prices are weak and lower. Timothy quoted (on and track) at $12a15; prairie, $8a10, as to quality. Loose is also lower; quotable from country wagons at $14a17.

HOMINY—Steady at $3.50a3.65 ₱ bbl for best kiln dried.

HIDES—There has been less demand for Hides, both dealt and wet, and Hides are not brisk sale; prices lower. We quote:

Green Salted Cows	7 a 7¾
Green Salted Steers, Light	7¾a 8
Green Salted Steers, Heavy	8¼a8½
Green Salted Calf	10 a12
Green Butcher Cows	5a 6
Green Butcher Steers, light	6
Green Butcher Steers, heavy	7 a8
Green Butcher Calf	10

HEMP—@12a12½ ₱ ton for Kentucky Rough.

LEATHER—The demand in general is fair, most purchasers confine themselves to immediate wants. Oak rough Leather is scarce and in good demand. Upper is plenty and dull sale. Harness is in fair demand, with a light supply of heavy 15 to 17 lb. Leather. Calf are slow sale and low in price. Red Sole Leather steady and market well supplied. We quote:

Oak Sole, country	0,30@ 0,34
Oak Sole, city	0,36@ 0,39
Oak Skirting	0,36@ 0,39
Red Sole, Oronoco and California	0,28@ 0,30
Red Sole, good dgd	0,26@ 0,28
Oak, Rough	0,30@ 0,35
Harness, city	0,35@ 0,38
Harness, country	0,29@ 0,32
Harness, No. 2 and common	0,25@ 0,28
Calf Skirting	0,87@ 0,90
Fair Bridle and Line Leather ₱ doz	48.00@52.00
Bull Leather	0,30@ 0,32
Finished Calf	0,70@ 1,15
Finished Upper, ₱ foot	0,16@ 0,21
Finished Kips	0,90@ 0,90

LUMBER—Following are the current rates from yard:

First Clear	$45 00
Second Clear	40 00
Select Common	32 00
Cargo Common	24 00
Sheathing	16 00
Hem. Joist and Scantling	14 00
Flooring, 0 ₱ per M	27 00
" 0 2	25 00
" 0 3	22 00
Moulded Weatherboarding	27 00
Shelving	28 00
Shingles	4 00
Lath	4 00

MILL FEED—Bran is quoted (on track) by the carload at 17a18 ₱ ton. Seconds and Shipstuffs, $19 a20; Middlings, @24a25; Chopped Feed, @22a23.

OILS—Lard Oil unchanged, and we continue our quotations as follows: Procter & Gamble's double extra, 98a99; W. Alexander & Co extra, 90a95; P. & G. No. 1, 75a85; No. 2, 65a70. Linseed Oils have again advanced, and are quotable at 65c for white and 60c for yellow, with prospects of a still further advance. Carbon quoted at 22¾ cents to the wholesale trade, and 1a5c additional in a jobbing way.

ONIONS—In light supply, and with considerable inquiry prices are higher, we now quote at $4.50a5 ₱ bbl.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 10a12c per lb; do, Turkeys, 13a14c. Live Chickens, 40a45c per pair, off the coop.

PAPER—Print, 2a3½c ₱ lb. Manillas are firmly held at the advance and quoted at 10a10½c ₱ lb for number 1; number 2 Manilla, 7a8c; Hardware, 9¼a 9¾c; Tea, 8a9½c; Sugar, 7¼a8¼c; Wrapping (per bundle) Crown, 52c for medium, and 70c for double Crown, Straw Wrapping (per bundle) Crown, 32c; medium, 48c; Double Crown, 64c.

PEA-NUTS—Choice Virginia, 5¼a5½c; choice Tennessee white, 5¾a5¾c; do. red, 5¼a5¼c.

POTATOES—The market is pretty well supplied the arrivals, particularly by the Lousia R. R., having been quite large, but prices are still maintained. Selling (in a jobbing way) from store at $1.10a1.25 per bushel, the outside figure for prime Peach Blows.

PROVISIONS—There has been a fair trade during the past week, although as buyers appear to be apprehensive of lower prices, the inquiry is chiefly to supply immediate wants. As repeatedly noted in the GAZETTE, however, hogs are, and have been all season, higher relatively than the products. We quote as follows:

Hams—Ex S C ₱ lb	12¾	Lard, prime leaf, tes	11¾
Shoulders Ex S. C	12⅜	Do. do. Hf bbls	12
B'fast Bacon S. C	12⅜	Do. do. bkts	12¾
Dried beef Ex S. C	15	Do. 3 ₱ caddies	14
Beef Tongues Ex S. C. per doz	$4¾	Do. 5 ₱ do	13¾
Bacon Should'rs new	8	Do. 5 ₱ do	13¾
Short Rib Sides	10	Do. 10 ₱ do	13¾
Clear Sides	10⅜	Pigs feet (half bbls	4 00
Mess Pork ₱ bbl	$18,00	Do. (kegs)	2 00
Short Cut do	18,00	Ham Sausage	10

RAGS—Steady at 2¾c ₱ lb for good country mixed.

SALT—Is quoted at follows: No. 1 Extra ₱ bbl, $1.20; No. 1 common, $1; imported Liverpool per bag, $2.10; 6 ₱ sacks, 80c; 2 ₱ sacks, 40c.

SEEDS—Prime Clover Seed is higher and in light supply; quotable at $4.50. Prime Timothy Seed, last 15 to the trade and 2.25 in a small way. Flax Seed is in demand at $1.80 for prime.

TALLOW—Is easier; city quoted at 8¾c per lb; country, 7¾c.

WINDOW GLASS—Discount off western list, 50 per cent, by the car load, and 45 for smaller quantities.

WOODEN WARE—Trade is fairly active, and there is a disposition manifested to stock up now to avoid the delay incident to the rush that always occurs in February; no change in prices. "Corry Ware" is quoted at the following prices:

No. 1 Tubs ₱ dozen	$8 50
No. 2 do	7 50
No. 3 do	6 50
2 Hoop Pails ₱ doz	1 85
3 Hoop Pails ₱ doz	2 10
3 Horse Pails	3 00
Ash Butter Tubs 50 lbs	6 00
Do Do 25 lbs	4 00
Clothes Pins—₱ box	75
Broom Handles plain per m	17 00
" painted "	25 00

WHITE LEAD—At a recent meeting of the western manufacturers, prices were advanced ¼ a cent; the combination rate is now 9¾c by the ton.

ALLEGHENY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 5, 1877.

CATTLE.

The supply was unusually large to-day, and the market was slow in consequence; moreover, with the exception of extra beeves, prices were lower, fully 10a15c ₱ cwt, and at the close there were some few left over unsold. However, it is but proper to state in this connection that the Chicago bought cattle did not cost quite as much as those of the week preceding, hence owners were able to make a slight concession, and still do as well as they did last Monday, although they reported trade as having been unsatisfactory. Bulls, of which the supply was considerably in excess of the demand, were very dull, and prices were reported ¼ to ½ lower, and there were no buyers for oxen or fat cows except at a decline.

Sales of strictly choice beeves were made at 6¼a 6½, and prices for this particular grade were fully equal to those of last Monday; good to prime butcher cattle quotable at 5¾a6; fair, 4¾a5; bulls and fat cows, 3¼a4¼. It is worthy of notice that the attendance of butchers has been on the increase at the Allegheny yards recently, hence a few more cattle are required, but how long this will continue it is difficult to foretell.

The stock on sale was reported as follows:

Owners.	Where from.	Number.
Arnold & A	Chicago	34
Hunter & C	Chicago	51
Marks & T	Chicago	67
Marks & Bro	Chicago	15
Gerson & Z	Chicago	84
I. Katz	Chicago	38
S. Gallinger & Co	Chicago	16
J. Schamburg	Chicago	24
P. Schweitzar	Chicago	34
Lowenstein & K	Chicago	51
F. Rick	Chicago	15
W. Rinehart	Chicago	24
H. Hoge	Chicago	24
J. Holmes	Chicago	18
F. G. Reynolds	Chicago	18
Hoel & T	Orrville	21
L. Holdraman	Zanesville	21
W. Hamilton	Bellaire	17
H. Doudna	Bellaire	19
H. Hester	St. Louis	55
Cole & J	Penna	10
E. Wolfe	Penna	9
F. Snyder	Penna	8
Neeley & R	Penna	4
Total		711
Total last Monday		554

CATTLE SALES.

J. Myers sold 5 head of rough Penna. stock (for Sugar) at 4c.

J. Wagner sold 9 Washington Co. stock; bulls at 3¾ and steers at 4a4¾c.

F. Rick sold 1 car of Chicago butcher cattle at 5 ₱ cwt.

Jacob Needy sold 3 cars of mixed butcher stock at 4¾a5¾c.

A. Greenwald reported 3 cars of Kansas cattle—mixed quality—at 4¾a5¾.

J. Shamberg reported 2 cars of Chicago butcher cattle at 4¾a5¾.

S. Bruarman & Son reported 2 cars of fair to extra butcher cattle at 5a5¾.

Arnold & A. reported 1 car of commonish cattle at 4¾a4¾; 1 car left over unsold.

I. Kahn reported 2 cars of mixed stock—from Chicago—at 4¾a5¾.

Holmes, L. & Co. sold 1 car of Ohio cattle—for H Doudna—at 4¾a4.55; also 1 car of Ohio cattle—for W. Hamilton—at 4.40a5¾ for tops; 1 car Chicago (for J. Holmes) at 4.60a5.

E Jackson sold 3 bulls at 3.30a3.75; 3 steers at 4.40.

Zeigler & Gerson reported 67 head of butcher cattle, from Chicago, at 5a6 50.

S. Marks & Bro, reported 3 cars of butcher cattle at 5a5¾.

J. Hunter sold 2 cars of Chicago cattle at 4¾a6; also 1 car of mixed Ohio stock—for Head & T—at 3¾a4¾.

SHEEP.

The supply was small, but with the exception of strictly prime, the market was slow, and near noon, when the market closes, there were some still remaining unsold. Prices, however, taking quality into consideration, were about the same as those of last week; ranging from 5 to 6¼ for fair to extra. Butchers generally are buying but few sheep, and those few must be of good quality, hence common grades, as was the case to-day, are hard to dispose of at anything like a remunerative price to the owner. The stock on sale was reported as follows:

G. Goehring	35	F. Hector & Co	60
J. Schamberger	60	J. J. Reynolds & Co m	22
Becker & N	60	T. McCullough	40
Total			261
Total last Monday			302

HOGS.

The market was a little dull to-day, and prices, as compared with last day week were ¼ lower. Sales were reported in a retail way at 6¾a7¼ gross, as to quality.

FRESH COWS.

The supply was rather small to-day, but there was no perceptible improvement in prices; first hand dealers report at $50a55 for No. 1 milkers, and $35a40 for fair to medium; sales of the former in second hands at $60a65, John Beeler sold 2 for $108, and Otto sold 1 for $40 and another for $48.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, February 5, 1876.

FLOUR—Nominally unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat active, firm and higher; No. 2 Chicago spring $1.28¾ cash; $1.29¾ March; $1 30¾ April; No. 3 $1.17; rejected 99@$1. Corn: demand fair and prices higher; 42¾c cash; 43¾c March; 47¾c bid May; rejected 39@40c. Oats dull and nominal; 35¾c cash; 35¾c March; 38¼c May. Rye quiet at 69c. Barley 59@60c.

PROVISIONS—Pork active, firm and higher; $16.30@16.40 cash; $16.45@16.47½ March; $16.65@ 16.67½ April. Lard dull; $10.82½@10.85 cash; $10.92½@10.95 March; $11.07½ April. Dry salt meats quiet and unchanged; shoulders 6c; short rib

HOME NEWS.

Falling barometer, southwest winds, warmer, partly cloudy weather, are indicated for to-day.

Register's Notice.

On our second page to-day will be found the accounts filed in the Register's office to be presented to the Orphan's Court for confirmation on Monday, March 5th, 1877.

Damage Done by the Ice.

A number of oil boats at Sharpsburg, the draw-way and part of the dam of Satterlee's saw mill, on Pine creek, were carried away by the ice gorge on Sunday evening. About $2,000 worth of timber belonging to Graham and Laramie were scattered through the fields and lots in Etna borough. It will take high water to get the timber back, and if it has to be hauled it will take half its value to return it to its place. The loss will be about $500. But few fences were left between Pine creek and Montrose. The oil tanks at Fairview were lifted out of their places by the force of the ice.

"Burnside at Knoxville."

To-morrow evening J. Harvey Stevenson Esq., will deliver a lecture before Triumph Lodge, No. 68, Ancient Order United Workmen, in Colfax Hall, Fifth avenue. Mr. Stevenson is spoken of as a fine orator and a gentleman of high literary ability. He was a soldier himself, and his description of the bivouac and the battle is full of the graphic force of a personal experience. This lecture is one of the series of winter evening entertainments given by the Lodge —a feature which has stirred up increased interest in the "Triumph" and made it one of the most popular, as it is one of the very best lodges, connected with this excellent order.

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

MILWAUKEE, January 27, 1877.

To the Trustees and other Policy Holders of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees herewith submit the eighteenth annual statement showing the condition of the Company at the close of the year 1876.

The assets of the Company on the first day of January, 1877, were $18,062,825.02. On the first day of January, 1876, they were $17,118,812.11.

The amount loaned on bond and mortgage during the year 1876 was $2,039,255.97, on real estate valued at $6,744,452; and the amount paid in on loans during the year was $1,035,096.51, leaving the increase of loans on bond and mortgage $1,004,139.46. The amount of all loans on the 1st of January, 1877, was $11,695,627.99, secured by mortgages that are first liens on real estate valued at $42,726,199 00.

During the year 1876 the company issued 4,960 policies, covering risks to the amount of $11,404,726, being in excess of the issues of 1875. The whole number of policies in force on the 1st day of January, 1877, was 36,486, and the whole amount at risk was $67,493,191.00. The income for 1876 was $3,925,372 25, and the death losses paid were $872,865.51, in twenty seven different States. The interest receipts for the year were $1,389,986 78, which is $42,223.14 more than in 1875, while at the same time the accrued interest account January 1, 1877, was $33,790.27 larger than it was January 1, 1876. The ratio of expenses to receipts is 11.84 per cent.

The surplus of the Company over a four per cent. reserve is $2,706,317.92.

Notwithstanding the unsettled and depressed financial condition of the country under which all business interests have suffered during the past year, the Company has continued to steadily advance, and to-day challenges comparison with all rivals in the character of its assets, the relative proportion of its surplus, and the magnitude of its dividends. The year 1876 is the third in succession during which the interest receipts of the Company have exceeded the combined disbursements for death claims and expenses, thus furnishing through a series of years practical proof of economy of management, favorable mortality experience, and the income producing power of our investments.

HENRY C. AYERS,
General Agent for Western Penna.
No. 44 Sixth street, opposite St. Clair Hotel.

A YOUNG SUICIDE.

A Fourteen-Year Old Allegheny Girl Takes Arsenic.

The following special to the GAZETTE was received last evening:

CALIFORNIA, PA., February 5, 1877.

Clara B. Laird, aged fourteen years, and a resident of Allegheny City, committed suicide at this place on Saturday night by taking arsenic. Cause unknown. H.

It was too late last evening when the telegram was received to obtain any further facts in Allegheny in reference to the case.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Unfortunately space is so limited this morning that an extended reference to "Dan'l Druce," which had it first production last night, is out of the question. Briefly stated, it is one of the most exquisite of the many delightful plays that have been performed on the Opera House stage. For literary beauty of finish it will rank among the highest of dramatic productions. Mr. Davenport's ability is too well known in this city to need mention. Miss Geraldine Maye's impersonation of *Dorothy* was charmingly natural, and won her general commendation. The remainder of the cast was good.

Library Hall.

The sale of seats for John B. Gough's lecture this evening has been very heavy, foretelling a large audience. Seats for Ingersoll's lecture are also selling rapidly.

The Foster Serenaders.

The Stephen C. Foster serenaders will appear at Library Hall on Friday evening of next week in an amateur minstrel entertainment for the benefit of the Reform Club room project. An interesting programme is promised, concluding with a new burlesque entitled the "Go Nod Club."

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Organization of the Allegheny Poor Board.

Last evening at five o'clock the Allegheny Board of Directors of the Poor met to organize for the ensuing year, and also to elect officers and employes. Mr. Leonard Walters was called to the chair, with Mr. Phillips as Secretary. Mayor Phillips administered the oath of office to Messrs. Neely, Dickson, Walker, Walter, and workmen who had been re-elected. Mr. Joseph Neely was then elected President by acclamation. Messrs. Dickson and C. Hutchinson were nominated for permanent Secretary. Mr. Dickson was elected. Robert D. McGonnigle was elected Clerk by acclamation. Other officers were then chosen for the year as follows: Steward, T. F. Grubbs; Chaplain, Rev. Collier; Physician of the Eastern District and City Home, Dr. B. B. Smith; Physician of the Western District, Dr. R. H. Gilliford; Engineer, George W. Schiller; Solicitor, W. B. Rodgers; Matron for the Home, Mrs. M. A. Grubbs; Matron for Female Insane Department, Mrs. M. J. Kellogg; Superintendent of Male Insane Department, R. B. Crawford, Farmer, R. Hamilton; Baker, M. J. Ferguson; Baker, George Toussaint. The new farmer was directed to enter upon his duties on the 15th of this month.

DECAPITATED.

General Moorhead Declines the Nomination for Mayor.

The Citizens' ticket nominated at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, on the 2d instant, is headless, General Moorhead, who was placed at the head of the ticket as the candidate for Mayor, having declined the honor, as will be seen by the following correspondence:

PITTSBURGH, February 2, 1877.

HON. J. K. MOORHEAD: Sir: At a meeting of citizens held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, a committee of twenty-five was appointed to nominate a Citizens' ticket for Mayor, Treasurer and Controller.

In pursuance of their appointment the Committee met to-day at 11 o'clock A. M., and unanimously nominated you for Mayor.

The undersigned were appointed a committee to wait upon you and inform you of your nomination and request your acceptance of the same, and report your answer to an adjourned meeting to be held at 2.30 o'clock P. M. Not being able to find you we have concluded to address you by letter. Please reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,
JOHN MOORHEAD,
JOSEPH WOODWELL,
GEORGE DILWORTH,
Committee.

OFFICE MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION CO., }
PITTSBURGH, February 3, 1877. }

Messrs. Moorhead, Woodwell and Dilworth, Committee:

GENTLEMEN—On my return from an examination of the locks and dams of the Monongahela Navigation Company, on Saturday, I received your note of the 2d inst., informing me that I had been unanimously nominated for the office of Mayor, by a committee appointed at a citizens' meeting, held on the 1st inst., and that you were appointed to inform me of the nomination, and request my acceptance of the same. Whilst I appreciate highly the compliment paid me by their selection, and return my thanks to the citizens for the same, and to you for the kind manner in which you have communicated the fact to me, it becomes my duty to inform you that other important and responsible engagements preclude me from entertaining the matter for a moment, and I, therefore, very respectfully decline the nomination.

Respectfully yours,
J. K. MOORHEAD.

Try the extra quality Boston crackers baked by S. S. Marvin & Co.

THE POLICE TROUBLES.

Endeavoring to Investigate the Muddle.

Some Interesting Reading, but the "Bottom Facts" not Reached —The "Laws of Evidence" Interfere—The Hearing not Concluded.

Nine o'clock yesterday morning was the hour fixed for the hearing of the case of Roger O'Mara, charged before the Mayor, under a city ordinance, with accepting a bribe. As at the hearing in this case it was expected that the whole trouble at the Mayor's office would also be ventilated, great interest was manifested by the public in the hearing. Before the hour fixed for the hearing to commence the Mayor's public office was crowded to repletion by spectators. There was also a large number of witnesses present, among whom were John Coyle, Esq., ex-Chief Hartzell and County Detective Dressler. Mr. Swartzwelder, Esq., appeared as counsel for the prosecution, and T. B. Mason, Esq., of Mercer, for the defense. Mr. J. T. Porter, stenographic reporter, was also present, having been engaged by the Mayor. The case was not called until nearly ten o'clock, owing to Mr. Swartzwelder being delayed. O'Mara plead not guilty to the charge and then the hearing was adjourned to the jail, in order to obtain the testimony of Ferguson and Ellis.

At the jail Warden Smith gave the use of his private parlor for the hearing. There were present in the room beside the Mayor, Detectives O'Mara and McGovern, County Detective Dressler and R. M. Gibson, Esq., Ellis' attorney. Before commencing the hearing the Mayor said that the investigation was to be of a two-fold character, embracing a criminal charge and an imputation against the moral character of a police officer. He proposed to make the scope as wide as it could be made, and was determined that the investigation should be thorough in all its bearings. The testimony of Ellis was then called for. Instead of responding, his counsel objected to his client being called, as his testimony might hurt some one else and could not possibly benefit himself. The Mayor wanted to know why Mr. Ellis hadn't stopped Ellis in court. Mr. Gibson answered that that was his business. Ellis then being asked his reason for not wanting to testify said that he declined on the advice of his counsel. He was then taken away and Ferguson called.

FERGUSON'S STORY.

Ferguson then proceeded to testify as follows:

Got acquainted with Ellis in Chicago eight or ten months before the fire; he came to me and asked me for work; I was a painter; gave him a job; his family were respectable people; his real name is Arthur Webster; his home is St. Louis; I went there too, but not with him; met him, and he told me he was broke; that he had jumped a lock-up; told him he could get along if he would behave himself; gave him work; in about three weeks he got acquainted with a little Jew; the police told me he was getting into bad company; he was given two hours to leave the city, because burglar tools were found in his possession; I went to Cincinnati with him; he went to Cleveland, and then I came to this city; he did some burglaries, and was working for Barlelf on Fifth avenue; Ellis came to me; after that he got into the Oppenheimer robbery; I was also arrested, and the Mayor fined me $100; I heard O'Mara had caused my arrest, and I met him on the street and gave him a talking to; my wife, who kept on Third avenue, told me if I had to keep Ellis and others away from my house; I told O'Mara I intended to keep them away, and he said if I would I could stay in the city. After that I painted O'Mara and McGovern's houses, and they got me some day or night other jobs; while I was painting O'Mara's house, I became acquainted with his little boy and liked him; while keeping a saloon I helped O'Mara and McGovern in detecting criminals; I was still painting while keeping a saloon; I frequently sent for O'Mara and McGovern; the relations with O'Mara continued until I was arrested on this charge; O'Mara and McGovern and Demmel often came to my house in search of information; neither Mayor McCarthy, Demmel, O'Mara, or McGovern ever offered me immunity from arrest for giving this information. After I was arrested Mayor McCarthy came to see me at the lock up and said to me "the angels would have to come down and proclaim my innocence before he would believe it, and that he was going to use every effort to ascertain my connection with the crime."

HIS OWN DEFENSE.

The assertion of Ellis that I told him that I had a job in Allegheny to work after the election was over is a malicious lie; I never had any such conversation with Ellis or any one else; the statement that I went to Heckert's store with him, and we made a pattern of the key and then went on the roof of the building to inspect the entrance, is not true; I was not in Allegheny with him; we were back over to Allegheny to the person from whom the key was procured; Ellis was identified but I was not. I was arrested at my own house, and so was Ellis; two strange policemen made the arrests; I was in the County Jail about four or five days before I had a hearing; while in the Central Station O'Mara came to see me several times; he told me I had got myself into a nice fix; I told him I was innocent; he replied it would be better for me if I was; he made a similar remark to Ellis, who also said he was innocent; all the conversations I had with O'Mara were in the presence of Ellis; I told the Mayor while at the Central Station; at one or two of the interviews with O'Mara Mayor McCarthy was present; no offers were ever made to me to convict Ellis and secure my own release; at one of the interviews Ellis offered to turn up a third party with stolen goods in his possession if he was allowed to go free; he said a man wanted him to commit a robbery, and if it was not off he would go with the man and let the police gobble him with the goods; the Mayor refused to listen, and O'Mara said such a job would not be countenanced; when I sent for the Mayor I wanted to get out on bail; I told him the wagon was an important link in the case; I told him I didn't know where it was, but I thought I could find it if he would send an officer with me; Detective Scott went with me, and I did find it; neither Roger O'Mara nor any other person connected with the Mayor's office made any promises to me, if I would do certain things, I could escape; if ever I did commit a robbery, O'Mara would be the last person in that office I would tell of it; he wouldn't show me any mercy; I was discharged and Ellis held; now I am held and Ellis discharged.

THAT INDICTMENT.

I knew I was to be indicted by the Grand Jury; I know a man who spent $40 with the Grand Jury to get them to ignore the bill against Ellis; it was not O'Mara who told me that the Grand Jury had found a true bill; no other person connected with the Mayor's office told me; I knew it before the bill had left the Grand Jury; I went to O'Mara and told him; he said it couldn't be possible; that there was no evidence against me; he sent Charlie M'Govern up and found it was true; O'Mara then told me to give myself up; I refused because I didn't want to lay in jail over Sunday; O'Mara told me to go and see Col. Bayne, my lawyer; the conversation was in the rotunda of the City Hall; I was talking with O'Mara in Allegheny the same evening; I told him I thought it was a put up job on me, and I had good reasons for thinking so; he told me to give myself up, and I said I wish to God I had done so; that O'Mara never hinted, directly or indirectly, the necessity of my going away; I went away on the advice of another man who is implicated in this robbery, and whose name has never been mentioned in this case; he said "You go away and we can get Ellis out." Since I have been in this trouble one of them has offered me $200 to get a pardon. This man's name is Bartlett. One of these men engaged Mr. Gibson to defend Ellis. I have been approached, and my wife also, to testify in favor of Ellis. All the witnesses were examined before Mr. Gibson, in his own office. One of these men came down and asked my wife for $100. They said they would put up $100 if she would put up another for the defense of Ellis. She refused, saying she had no interest in Ellis. One of these men came to me before the Grand Jury went into session that I would be indicted if Ellis was. I never told Mr. Dressler that Ellis committed that robbery. I told Dressler that Ellis had told me, after he had been jailed, that one piece of the silk had been cut off and sent away. While I was in jail I had several interviews with Dressler. He said that it was not me he was after, but O'Mara. I said if I could help him to convict O'Mara I would. I made appointments to see Dressler at his house. At one of these interviews I told him that I met Roger O'Mara in Allegheny, and I told him that Roger had told me to give myself up. I did tell him that a party I insisted upon my leaving town, and this was the person already referred to. No one connected with the Mayor's office advised me to leave town. The party that made me leave town was the same party that secured the services of Mr. Gibson. I do not recollect ever saying to Dressler and the District Attorney that it was at the instance and by the advice of Roger O'Mara that I went away. The interviews with Dressler were held with a view of implicating O'Mara. When it was discovered that I could not tell anything that would benefit Ellis, then the next endeavor was to implicate O'Mara. When I told this to Dressler he said, "That will do. Roger O'Mara has a better hold on you than I have. I will attend to the rest myself."

ABOUT THE PONY.

Ellis and I bought the pony a long time before the robbery. After I got into trouble the pony was taken to Johnston's stable, as Crager's had been filled with coal. I found out that I could not sell the pony in the market for more than fifteen dollars. I saw Ellis about it, and he told me to do as I liked about it. This was after I had been discharged by the Mayor, and before the indictment was found. The pony was eating its own head off, and I met Roger and Demmel one day, and I said to Roger that I would give the pony to little "Marty" for a Christmas present. I did not give it to Roger for anything that he had done for me, but because he had got me work and because I was acquainted with, and had a liking for his little boy. Roger never promised to get me off, or to do anything for me in consideration of the gift. That is the whole pony transaction. There was no bribery about it.

Ferguson said he bought the valises a Ellis' request, who said he was going to use them at the auction sale of jewelry, as he was going to travel through the country in that business. He swore that the valises were never in his house. They were in the possession of one of the individuals already referred to. He said he purchased the dark lantern to go into his cellar and attend to his gas metre, which was constantly freezing up. He bought it on the advice of the gas men, who said it was unsafe to go into the cellar with an uncovered light. He said that he knew nothing about the rope.

On cross-examination nothing of importance was elicited. The hearing was then adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Evening Hearing.

The crowd in the Mayor's office when the hearing was resumed at four o'clock was no less large than was the one in the morning. Promptly at four o'clock the Mayor ascended the stand. The first witness called was Peter Dressler, County Detective. Being sworn he testified as follows: I can't recollect the exact date when I first became engaged in the transactions leading to the conviction of Ferguson for the committal of the robery of Boggs & Buhl's store, but it was on the day an indictment was found against Ferguson and Ellis; it was about three o'clock in the afternoon of the day that a process for the arrest of Ferguson was issued by the Court and placed in my hands. I immediately started to hunt Ferguson. I went to his house on Fourth avenue, but didn't find him; I then went to the Chief of Police and asked him whom I could trust.

Question—Did he inform you whom you could trust.

Answer—He did.

Q—Did you mean who among the police officers you could trust—among the officers at the Mayor's office?

A.—Yes.

Q—Did he inform you if O'Mara, McGovern, or Demmell could be trusted?

A.—None of these names were mentioned.

The witness continued—That evening I went down to Ferguson's house bought a cigar, and searched the house; no one went in with me; Detective Rivers was at the back door and Officer Johnston at the front; I then searched all over Pittsburgh and then went to Allegheny; Rivers and Long were with me; I'm not certain whether Hartzell was along or not; I asked Rivers to go with me to a certain house that he knew; I searched the house, but found nobody was there; the house was on Sandusky street; we then seached further in Allegheny, and then came to Pittsburgh and searched until nearly two o'clock when we give it up. I telegraphed to Cleveland and wrote to Steubenville; heard some money was sent to Steubenville; got information that Ferguson was there; got a telegram, "Your man is here;" I telegraphed back to arrest him and I would be there; this was on the 11th of January. I got there at dark; left to come back that night; got back to Pittsburgh that night; Rivers met me at the depot in accordance with a dispatch sent him; Chief Hartzell was in the depot also; I took Ferguson into a room and put the handcuffs off; think we met Long near the jail; Ferguson was bailed out on the second day. Before having the process put into my hands I had nothing to do with the case; I didn't know him by sight; Mr. Schild, who bailed him, is not a relation of mine, but is a good friend of mine; it was after he consulted with me that he went bail for Ferguson; he had been sent to me by Mr. John Coyle, who said he ought to see me; Mr. Schild afterward got out a bailpiece for Ferguson; he came to the Court House to see me, and asked me what I thought about getting out the bailpiece; I told Mr. Schild he could do what he pleased. The same night that Ferguson was bailed out by Mr. Schild, he met me at my house by appointment. Coming up on the train he said that as soon as he was bailed out, he would tell me something that would open my eyes; it was on Saturday night that he came to see me.

THAT FERGUSON INTERVIEW.

Mr. Swartzwelder—What was said that night?

Witness—If you want me to, Ill' tell it, but I thought you didn't want to hear that.

Mr. Swartzwelder—Go on.

Witness—All right then, if you want it.

The Mayor—You're here to tell all you know. You needn't go on as if you had an awful story to tell.

Witness—Well, I was under the impression I was on trial myself.

Mr. Swartzwelder—What Ferguson said to you is not evidence.

The Mayor (to witness)—This hearing is under a city ordinance and the police regulations. If you know anything at all that will throw light on the question, or that is in any way connected with this office, I want you to tell it.

Mr. Swartzwelder—I perfectly agree with your Honor, but I don't want anything but evidence.

Counsel for the defense also objected to the receiving of anything but evidence.

Witness continued—I never saw O'Mara and Ferguson together in Allegheny; I know nothing about the pony except what Roger O'Mara said himself about it at the trial, and what Ferguson told me that night.

At this point the counsel for the defense again objected to the witness, and few words passed between the Mayor and counsel, His Honor insisting on having the Ferguson story and Mr. Mason objecting.

HE WANTED A CHANCE.

The witness resumed—I had no more conversation with Ferguson after his bail surrendered him and the trial took place; I saw him in the jail office, and he said to me I didn't give him any chance; I said I gave him all the chance, but he didn't do what he said he would; I told him that Dressler had with him I wasn't trying to get anything against Roger O'Mara; the first appointment with Ferguson was at his request, the second at mine; the first one was on Saturday night, and he hadn't time to talk; I then asked him to come or send on Sunday evening; he asked leave to come to my house, as he didn't want a certain party to see him talking with me.

Mayor—Did you ever send him a note at any time?

Witness—Never in my life.

By Mr. Swartzwelder—Were those interviews satisfactory to you? Did you get the information you wanted?

Witness—I did not, and I told him not to come to my house again; I had had enough of it.

Question—Did you have a talk with Ellis in jail, to get him to turn State's evidence?

Answer—No; I never had any conversation with him, only to speak to him.

Q.—Did you get any one else to negotiate with him to turn State's evidence?

A.—Well, I can't tell all the secrets of our business; the Mayor and you lawyers all know that. I had to speak to some one, certainly, to get the evidence against Ellis. I knew two or three days before the trial that he had turned State's evidence. I knew nothing about the pony except what I got from Ferguson and O'Mara on the stand.

The Mayor—Tell all you know about O'Mara that Ferguson said.

Counsel for defense again objected, because it would not be evidence.

The Mayor—I told you in the beginning that this is a double investigation; it is both criminal, the calling, and the police regulations. I want to get all the bottom facts. With that intention I have employed a stenographic reporter to take down every word that is said.

Witness—I refuse to tell then.

The Mayor—I have done my best to get at the facts in this matter, and I want to call the attention of the reporters to the fact that the witness refuse to tell what they profess to know.

A PROTEST.

Major Will. M. Hartzell, ex-Chief of Police, was next called. Before being sworn he read the following protest:

I have accepted service of the subpœna on this case, and appear here in obedience to its mandate reluctantly. I will not place myself in the position of disregarding any legal process, but I wish to assume the attitude of a recusant and protest that I be sworn under protest, because I do not consider this the proper tribunal to conduct this investigation. The judgment or finding will be in the power of the Mayor, who has been implicated to some extent in the surroundings, and I may be regarded as his accuser. Such being the case, therefore, and in view of his hostile conduct toward me, leads me to the belief that he will take advantage of the opportunity to do me great injustice. I am entirely willing, and will have no hesitation to produce the fullest testimony in regard to the matters in controversy before a tribunal, so constituted that the judge or judges will not be personally interested in the result of the trial. This tribunal, I am free to say, is not so constituted.

The Major was then sworn, but before giving his testimony he said he wished to state that he would decline to answer any questions not pertinent to the charge under the ordinance.

The Mayor—I want you to tell all you know. I am extremely anxious that you should.

Witness (sarcastically)—I've no doubt you do.

NOT CAUGHT NAPPING.

After a few passes between Mr. Swartzwelder and the witness in regard to what he considered testimony pertinent to the case, the examination of witness was commenced.

Mr. Swartzwelder—Do you know of any fact or circumstances that led you to believe that either O'Mara, McGovern, or Demmel was trying or endeavoring to protect Ferguson from prosecution?

Witness—I decline to answer in this presence.

Question—Do you know of any fact that would implicate O'Mara?

Answer—I decline to answer in this presence.

Question—Do you know of any fact that would lead you to believe that O'Mara received a bribe?

Answer—Nothing except what was said in court by himself.

Question—Do you know of anything to lead you to believe that O'Mara, Demmel or McGovern were interfering in the arrest of Ferguson?

Answer—I decline to answer.

Question—Do you know of anything as Chief of Police that would lead you to believe that O'Mara was derelict in the discharge of his police duties?

Answer—I decline to answer.

Question—Well, what do you think is the charge, so that I can frame a question you will answer?

Answer—The charge is that Roger O'Mara received a bribe while a police officer, the action against him for so doing being under a city ordinance.

Question—Have you any reason to believe that the Mayor had any connection with shielding Ferguson?

Answer—I decline to answer.

The ordinance was here brought and read, and the examination was resumed.

Question—Do you know or have you a valid reason for believing that O'Mara did receive a bribe or illegal fee for the protection of Ferguson?

Answer—I know nothing except his own statement to me.

Question—Had you any valid reason for believing that he did?

Answer—I had heard something in reference to the pony; I knew nothing of my own personal knowledge.

Question—Do you object to tell what you heard?

Answer—I do.

Question—Was your action as Chief of Police based on what you had heard?

Answer—I decline to answer. I know nothing definite about the matter. I heard something about the pony, but it didn't take a lodgement in my mind because I didn't believe it.

Question—Do you believe now that he took a bribe?

Answer—I am not prepared to say now that he took the pony as a bribe.

This closed the examination of the witness, nothing being elicited from him upon cross-examination.

RIVERS ON THE STAND.

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The Major was then sworn, but before giving his testimony he said he wished to state that he would decline to answer any questions not pertinent to the charge under the ordinance.

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NOT CAUGHT NAPPING.

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